

It's News Here!

Celebrate Christmas in Church

St. Mary's Catholic Church

December 24th — 5:15 p.m. - Children's Mass
8:00 p.m. - Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
(Note - No Midnight Mass)
December 25th — 8:30 a.m. - Christmas Mass
10:30 a.m. - Christmas Mass

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

December 24th — 7 p.m. - Candlelight Service
11 p.m. - Communion Service

St. John Lutheran Church

December 24th — 6:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service

St. Francis Episcopal Church

December 24th — 10 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

December 24th — 7:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service

Frederic Woman Killed in Crash

A 56-year-old Frederic woman was killed Wednesday, Dec. 16, in a two-car crash near Otsego Lake on Old 27.

According to a Bay City Times article, the state police said Eleanor Law lost control of her car during heavy snowfall and was struck broadside by an oncoming car.

The driver of the other car was treated for injuries at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Grayling Family Escapes From Trailer Fire

Paul and Alfreda Kamph and their three young children escaped from a blaze early Friday morning that burned their rented trailer house to the ground.

The family fled the trailer and went to a neighbor's house at about 1:30 a.m. They reported no injuries but Mrs. Kamph was treated for possible shock at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

The fire had destroyed the roof of the trailer and had burned through some walls by the time the Grayling Township Fire Dept. arrived at the scene eight miles east of Grayling on Horseshoe Trail. The blaze appeared to start near the chimney of a wood stove in the trailer. The outside temperature at the time of the fire was near zero.

Paul Kamph, his wife Alfreda and their three children, Barbara 14, Kevin 12, and Paul, Jr., 7 escaped without injury, but only in their night clothes, and the home and its contents were destroyed.

It was 5 a.m. before the Fire Dept. was able to leave the scene and return to Grayling according to the report of Fire Chief Tony Doremire.

The Crawford County Chapter/American Red Cross Disaster Chairman, Howard VanDeWater was notified at 6 a.m. of the fire, and by 9 a.m. had met with Paul Kamph and provided him with orders on the stores of his choice for a complete set of clothing for the family of five and a generous supply of groceries sufficient to feed the family for at least a week.

Thanks to the generous support of the Good Neighbors of this community Red Cross is able to render this vital humanitarian service in instances of disaster to the victims.

Arts Council Raises \$2000

The fruits of their labor aren't hard to see.

The Crawford County Arts Council - by selling fruit and holding bazaars - have earned \$2000 and are almost halfway to their goal restoring art programs to the schools.

The Arts Council, made of parents, students, and teachers, hope to raise \$4,500 to fund one play, a musical, concert band performances, jazz band, choir, forensics, and art classes.

These extra-curricular school activities were axed this fall due to financial woes.

The Arts Council hopes to restore these programs for the rest of the school year and their long term goal is to aid fine arts in middle and elementary schools and even outside schools.

The Arts Council has already had their proposal to fund a play and vocal and instrumental music program approved by the school board.

Their most recent fund-raiser was a Christmas Bazaar held at the Mini-Mall last weekend. Their next money-maker will be a calendar sale. In the future they plan to begin a patron of the arts program.

Children's Community Movie

Saint Francis Episcopal Church will once again sponsor a movie for the children of the community. The movie to be shown will be Walt Disney's "Bedknobs and Brooksticks". Showtime is December 30th (Wednesday) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The movie, which lasts about 90 minutes, will be shown at the church where there will be chaperones.

The cost of \$1.00 will be collected at the door to pay for the cost of the film. The St. Francis Youth Group will be selling popcorn and other goodies.

Bring your kids so they can enjoy the show and you can have a few hours of peace!!!

Two Youths in Accident

Two Crawford County youths were involved in a minor two-car accident on Old 27 near Batterson Road on Dec. 16. The driver of a northbound car hit the rear of a northbound pick-up. The pick-up had slowed and the driver of the car was cited for driving too fast for the snow conditions.

In other Crawford County Sheriff Dept. news, there were nine car-deer accidents reported last week in the county. Five ambulance runs were made, there was one breaking and entering, one accidental gunshot wound, and one criminal sexual conduct.

Crawford County Avalanche

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SECTION A



SANTA, YOU HAVE GLASSES!—Nichole Siwula, 3, of Grayling, didn't mind that Santa (played by Larry Goodale) had eyeglasses. She knew Rudolph's red nose was only good for guiding the sleigh on foggy nights. Nichole met Santa at the Christmas Bazaar held last weekend at the Grayling Mini-Mall. The Crawford County Arts Council held the bazaar to raise funds to support fine arts in the community. The arts council has raised \$2,000 and are aiming for \$4,500. (Photo by Jon Thompson)

School Board Meeting Sizzles

By Jon Thompson

The last ballot was cast Thursday, Dec. 10, but the election fervor burned on and ignited again at the Crawford AuSable School Board meeting Monday night, Dec. 14.

More than 50 persons - mainly no supporters in the recent millage election-attended the board meeting to say, among other things, "I told you so." They felt they had warned the board the millage proposal didn't have

a chance of passing and much-needed money was thrown away on another election.

"I'm surprised half the board showed up," Allen Carr, of Grayling, said. "I would have been too ashamed. And if I would have shown up, I would have had my resignation in hand."

By having another election after the people voted no twice before and with money as tight as it is, Carr said the

school board was more loyal to laid-off teachers than to voters.

"They're dedicated to the wrong people," he said.

Carr claimed the majority of the school board admitted at the Monday meeting that they didn't think the election had a chance. He said with this admission the school board lost what little credibility they had left.

School board members, however, say there was no admission of this sort made Monday night, and they repeated their reasons for going along with another millage request back at an October 26 meeting - the last day a millage request could be made to still affect this year's taxes.

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Grayling Fish Hatchery Comm. Seeks Assistance

Efforts to preserve the Grayling Fish Hatchery as a tourist attraction began in late 1980 as a goal of The Crawford County Economic Adjustment Strategy Committee and have progressed

Our Weather

(Courtesy of Chuck Flick)

15	26	19	2.0
16	27	14	2.5
17	22	0	2.5
18	19	-2	3.0
19	18	2	3.5
20	20	14	4.0
21	27	15	4.0

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Receives 2½-5 Years in State Prison for B & E

Richard Benitoa, of Utica, was sentenced to a term of 2½ to 5 years in state prison following his plea of guilty to attempting breaking and entering of an unoccupied building with intent to commit larceny. He appeared before 46th Circuit Court William Porter on Monday, December 14.

Money donations may be sent to Paul Kamph Family Fund in care of Mike Hettlinger, P.O. Box 508, Grayling. Any questions please call Mike Hettlinger 348-7521 or Karen Golnick 348-8381.

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\$2 Million-Plus Allotted for '82 Camp Construction

By Jon Thompson

More than \$2 million will be spent on construction projects at Camp Grayling scheduled to start in 1982.

The largest project is a new ammunition supply center that has a \$1,622,000 price tag on it. The new ammo center will have 12 ammunition igloos, a central office, and a warehouse according to Major Ed Wilkins, head of engineering at the Lansing Military Affairs office. The complex will be located south of the main camp and approximately 3600 feet of road connecting with Military Road will be paved to the new supply center.

Along with the new ammo center, \$70,000 to \$80,000 will be spent im-

proving the engineer training area at the camp. Brigadier General Art Phillips said the improvement project, started two years ago, will attract more engineer units to the camp when it is finished. Once completed, the engineer training area is expected to be one of the better training areas in the country.

Phillips said among the added features in the training area is a bridge for engineers to blow up. It has hinges and after one group blows part of the bridge up, the next group merely replaces timbers on it and it's ready to be blown up again.

Hanson Hills Ski Patrol Complete First Aid Training

The Holiday Inn of Grayling on Tuesday night, December 15th, was the scene of the graduation of some 13 individuals, mostly members of the Ski Patrol of Hanson Hills, who had just completed some 46 hours of instruction in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care over a 16 week period which began September 8th.

This is the toughest American Red Cross First Aid course, but the people who will ski at Hanson Hills this

Dial-A-Ride Notice

So that our Employees can spend Christmas with their families Dial-A-Ride will close at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 and Christmas Day, December 25. Business as usual on Saturday, December 26.

The Chapter is also providing Hanson Hills with First Aid supplies for the coming Ski Season which ranges from adhesive tape, band-aids, bandages, to splints, neck braces, airways and blankets so the Ski Patrollers will have the equipment to utilize their training.

Warning

Weapons firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period 22-24 Dec. 81.

Firing will be going on in the following range area:

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618 and west of County Rd F97.

The area will be closed to the public during the period 22-24 Dec 81 and all persons are warned to stay out of the area identified.

Leo Lovely Retires After 35 Years

By Jon Thompson

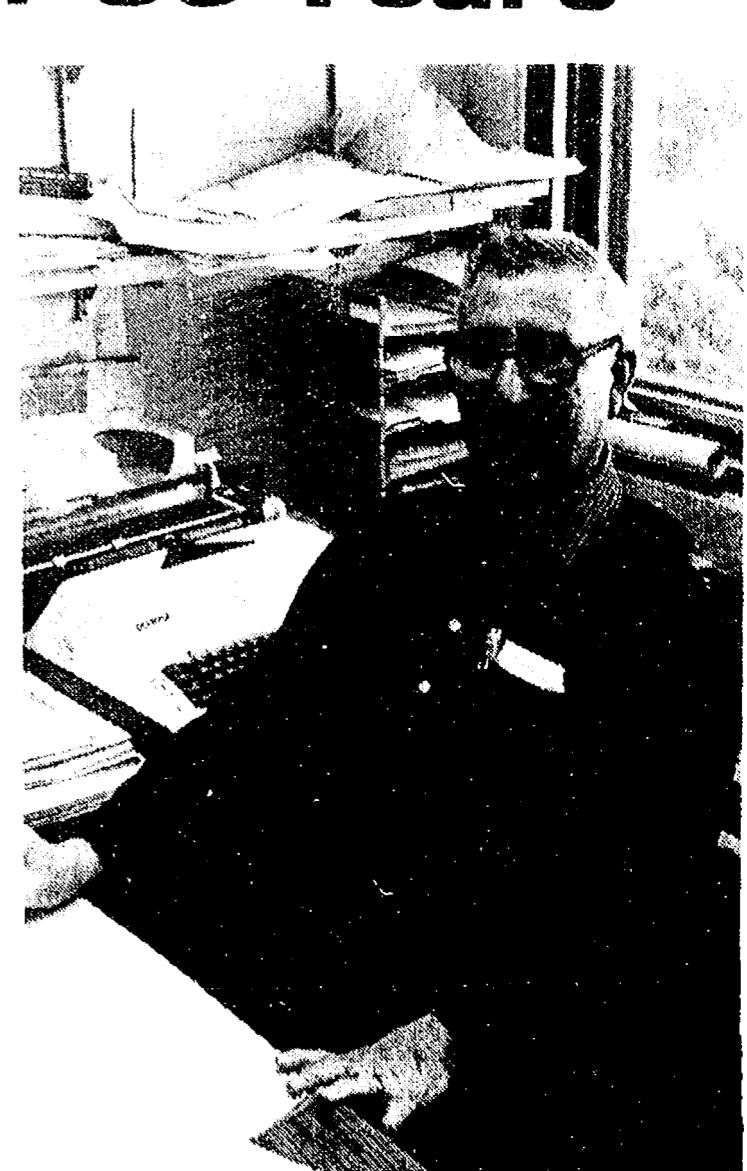
Some persons have jobs that never change. Leo Lovely's job as Clerk of Crawford County never stopped changing.

In his 35 years as County Clerk - the longest term ever held by a county official - the old courthouse was torn down and a new one built, the county budget grew from \$28,000 to almost \$2 million, and the County Clerk's salary went from \$1,800 to \$18,500.

When Leo started as clerk in 1947 he handled all the work alone. Now five persons work in the clerk's office and they bring in more money through their services than the county used to make during the first four years of his term.

As of January 1, 1982, however, Leo Lovely is going to step aside and retire. In honor of his 35 years of service, the county board of commissioners is declaring December 27 as Leo Lovely Day.

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Wrestlers On Roll

By Jon Thompson

Tim Ferrigan and Jeff Knight won their tenth straight match as Grayling whipped Boyne City 66-12 and defeated Gaylord 39-22.

Ferrigan and Knight scored double victories last Thursday as they upped their records to 10-0. The Vikings are 4-0 in head-to-head team competition and finished first at a Saginaw tournament and second at a Ludington tournament.

Also scoring double victories at the double match in Boyne City were Steve Sauve, 119 pounds, Tim Jensen, 126, Dave Pettit, 138, John Solomonson, 167, Wayne Metzer, 198, and Tom

Sorenson, heavyweight.

It was the first match for the newly recruited Sorenson and his points, along with Metzer's at 198, give the Vikings a big boost. The Vikings, traditionally strong in the lighter weights, were forfeiting points in the heavy weight classes earlier this year.

Scoring single victories were Tim Moore, 98 pounds, Dan Meldrum, 112, and Jim Piper, 145.

Retires From State Police

State Police Tpr. Craig W. Hufstedler, 32, of the Houghton Lake post, has been granted a deferred retirement effective January 2 following more than 10 years of service, Col. Gerald L. Hough, department director, has reported.

Hufstedler joined the State Police in August 1971, serving first at the Erie post before transfers in 1974 to the detective division at Detroit and in 1975 to the former Detroit post in Redford township. He has served at Houghton Lake since assigned there in 1976.

Dept. credits include a unit citation, a professional excellence and an honorable mention.

The unit award involved his part in policing burglary cases in the Gladwin area in 1978 which led to a total of 10 arrests and the clearing of about 30 burglaries and related crimes.

The professional excellence and honor mention were for drug cases investigation in southeast Michigan in 1976. Each involved four arrests and confiscation of various drug amounts, money and drug related equipment.

Hufstedler was born at Mt. Clemens and graduated from high school at San Bernardino, Calif., where he also had half a year of college work. In addition, he attended Kirtland Community College at Roscommon for a year.

He and his wife, Michelle, have a son.



TIM FERRIGAN



JEFF KNIGHT

The Marva Collins Story: What Can We Learn?

By Bill Morford,
Crawford-Ausable School Bd

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Former President Herbert Hoover once said that "children are our most valuable natural resource". Marva Collins provided for the continuation of that resource by bringing out the best each student had to give.

Our community, along with the state and much of the nation, is engaged in a debate about schooling. Hopefully, at some near future point, we will again have reached a working consensus about what schools should do, and how we will support them. Until then, we cannot afford to lose even one class of our "most valuable natural resource".

The editors of Newsweek concluded their series with an analysis of several good educational programs around the country. They came away with these thoughts:

"So there is no magic formula, no rosetta stone waiting to unlock The Answer to good education...the true magic was that education had been made to seem special and exciting; and the challenge for the public schools is no less than to do that everyday."

"It comes back to people who care - parents, administrators, and teachers alike, backed up by a community that knows the desperate importance of education. The schools cannot work unless everyone believes that they can be as good as they never were - and as good as they must be."

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When Newsweek ran a series on public education this past Spring, one of their conclusions was that "well paid teachers instructing smaller classes might well have the greatest impact" on the quality of our public schools. They felt that it was not "more money, but smart money" that was the key to

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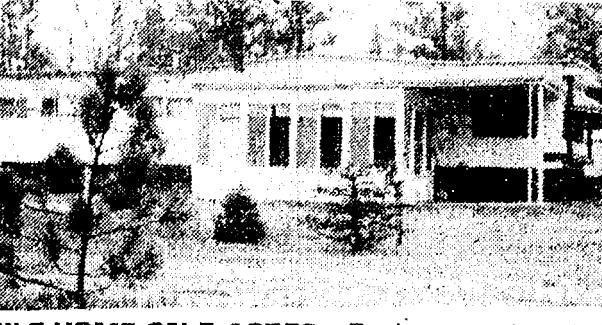
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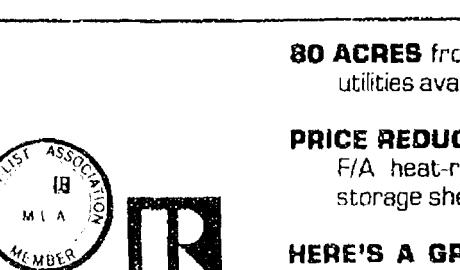
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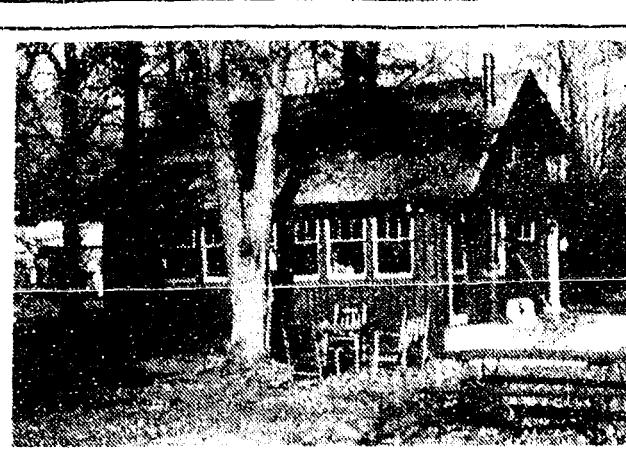
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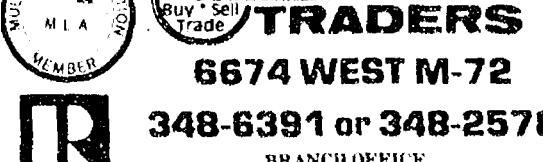
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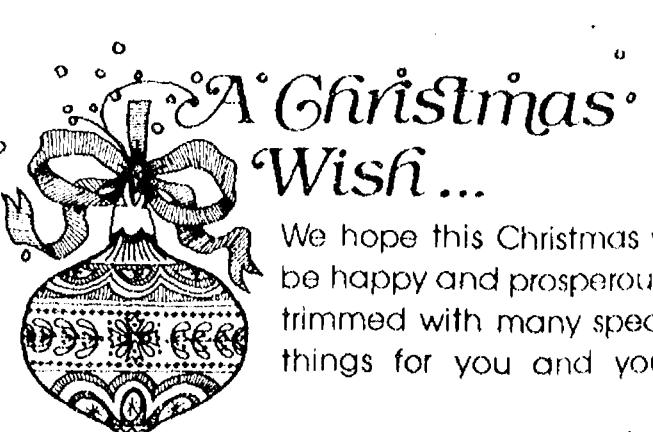
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34 POINTS—Senior Brad Trenary goes high on this layup to score 2 points in the fourth quarter against a tall Cheboygan squad. The layup came after Trenary stole the ball from Cheboygan with the help of a full-court Viking press. Trenary led all scorers by pumping in 34 points. (Photo by Jon Thompson)

Vikings Get 1-2 Punch

Cheboygan and Gaylord combined to give Grayling a 1-2 punch that may have knocked the Vikings out of the conference race for first.

Powerful Cheboygan beat up Grayling 83-72 on the Viking's court and Gaylord surprised them 76-60 on the Blue Devil's court. The Gaylord loss dropped Grayling to 1-3 in the league with a key match Tuesday against undefeated Charlevoix.

"The Gaylord game was the worst basketball Grayling has played in three years," head coach Butch Hayes said. "We didn't have any enthusiasm, we played without intensity, and we didn't play intelligently. Gaylord wanted the victory more than we did."

Grayling had their worst shooting night of the year in Gaylord only connecting on 21 of 78 shots. They were outrebounded 56-52 even though Grayling's big men were two or three inches taller.

Grayling played a box-and-one on Brad Trenary, the Viking's leading scorer and Hayes said his team failed to make proper team adjustments to compensate.

Gaylord jumped all over the Vikings and were ahead 20-12 at the end of the first quarter and 41-28 at half-time.

The Vikings didn't get in foul trouble at Gaylord - a problem in recent games - but Hayes said the Vikings weren't playing close enough to anyone on defense to foul.

Against Gaylord, Methner led scorers with 17, Trenary had 15, Ryan Morford 6, Fagan 6, Radebaugh 6, Schrader 4, D'Amour 4, and Ross 2.

RSVP News

Sherry Haag,
Director

Welcome to news of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. On September 23, 1981, President Reagan told RSVP volunteers at a special White House ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program that they will help in building a stronger national economy.

"Among the things we are going to do to restore the economy is to form a task force throughout the country to mobilize volunteerism through the private sector", Reagan said.

The President added that the mobilization will allow programs like RSVP, the largest federal volunteer

someone. Gaylord hit on 17 of 38 shots in the first half and 12 of those shots were inside shots close to the basket.

"They totally beat us inside," Hayes said.

Grayling was counting on a victory over Gaylord to get back in the conference race. The Vikings were hoping to knock off Charlevoix after Gaylord and then pick up two wins over St. Ignace and Rogers City, two teams on the bottom of the league. While Grayling was picking on the easier teams, the other frontrunners would be playing each other.

But Grayling's plans received a big jolt in Gaylord and it's going to take a long winning streak by Grayling now to have a chance of repeating as titleholders.

Against Cheboygan last week, the Vikings got into a rough and tumble battle with the huge Chiefs. Poor shot selection and other mistakes put the Vikings behind and despite several furious rallies, Cheboygan held on to their lead at the end.

Scoring for the Vikings against Cheboygan were Trenary 34 points, Monte D'Amour 13, Jamie Radebaugh 7, Ted Methner 6, Wayne Ross 4, Jim Schrader 4, Tracy Fagan 2, Paul Hamlin 2.

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Chris Clover's Corner

By Sue Louchart

Hello! Merry Christmas! I'm Chris Clover here with news from the Crawford County 4-H Clubs.

Arts and Crafts that meets Thursday afternoons has room for more members. The members have made beautiful Christmas candles and many other holiday gifts. This club is for boys and girls ages 6-12 who like learning all kinds of neat arts and crafts.

IFYE — International Four-H Youth Exchange. Youth experience living with families in another land. During the summer young people ages 15-25 live with families in other countries, become acquainted with other languages and culture, learn about youth programs and explore new project dimensions. Participants ages 15-19 travel as a group with a qualified group leader. Call the Extension Office if you would like more information on how to be a part of the IFYE.

Mark these dates on your new 1982 Calendar: 4-H Leader Council Meeting Monday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. with the new council officers presiding; 4-H Camp June 15, 16, 17 and 4-H Exploration Days June 21, 24, 25.

Bits O'Talk

By Fay Bovee

The Dula Fitzpatrick home was the scene of the annual family Christmas last Saturday. Home for the occasion were Terry and Debbie Fitzpatrick and three children from Bay City, Gary and Joan Hubbard and three boys from Saginaw, Brian Fitzpatrick and his fiancee, Julie Girardot, of MSU, and Bob and Jane Greenwood and daughter of Kalkaska. Grayling family were Phillip and Gracie and son, Doug and Pat Wilson and two boys and Laura Kay Fitzpatrick.

Two more of the Weyerhaeuser management people who have moved to Grayling to make their permanent home are Jack and Edith Patten of Klamath Falls, Oregon and Bill and Susan Boehmer of Puyallup, Wash. and Montana. They will be joined by their children, Sylvia and Tiff in the fall. Another daughter, Martha, will be attending college.

Dena Bovee of Marquette arrived this week to spend Christmas with her parents, Bob and Fay Bovee and Richie and Billie Smith of New York will arrive Christmas Eve to spend until Monday.

Stress

Class Held

On December 16, area law enforcement officers met at the Holiday Inn of Grayling for a class on stress management. The class was presented by Kirtland Community College and sponsored by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council and the Crawford County Sheriff, Joseph P. White.

The instructor of the class entitled "Stress and the Police Officer" was Deputy Chief Bruce L. Benson of the Flint Police Dept.

Local law enforcement officers attending this class were Under/Sheriff Robert J. Ruddy, Sergeant William B. Heemer, Sergeant Jimmy A. Parker, Sergeant Paul W. Smith, Corporal Thomas L. Coors and Corrections Officer Charles R. Ryan. Sheriffs from other counties that attended were Sheriff Paul Berry of Tuscola County and Sheriff Jack Kann of Oscoda County. There were more than 70 officers in attendance.

This class is part of an ongoing training program arranged by Sheriff White.

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Illinois. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and had been employed at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac and Jackson T.B. Sanitarium.

She was a member of Free Methodist Church in Jackson, and Michigan I.P.N. Association. In 1978 she was chosen I.P.N. of the year for Jackson County.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Edwin (Ruth) Funck; sons, Earl Whaley and Ray Whaley of Ada; three sisters; four brothers; 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

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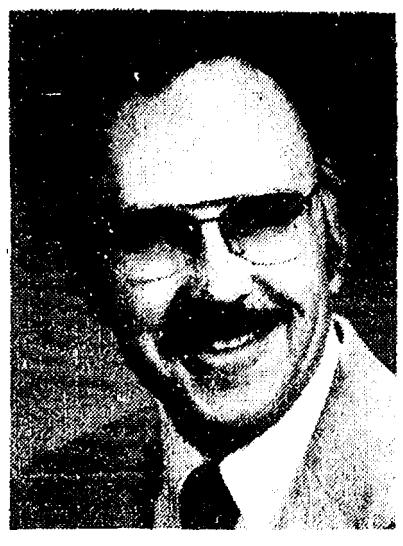
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Michigan Mirror



Interest Rate Deregulation Dropped;
Floating Rate Probable

Warren M. Hoyt, Executive Director, MPA

Legislative leaders have reached an agreement to negotiate new interest rate ceilings for consumer loans and further have agreed to drop the push for near total interest deregulation.

The interest rate package has also been postponed until the first of next year when the Legislature returns for the second year of the two-year session.

Governor William G. Milliken has additionally narrowed the outlines of his positions so the Legislature will have acceptable executive office outlines in which to work.

The effort will focus on writing a package with a floating interest rate ceiling, except for rigid maximums for land contracts and bank credit cards.

Following a meeting with the Credit Coalition of Michigan, a group of banking interests, and legislative leaders on the subject, Representative William Keith (D-Garden City) said the parties had also agreed in principle to legislation providing for an override of federal deregulation policies, except on first mortgages.

Keith said the governor's recent comments that he could accept a package that set a floating cap at between 8 and 10 percent above a six-month treasury bill rate has helped negotiations because it gives the discussion some focus.

He indicated that lower rates would be unacceptable to the governor.

Keith said the coalition had issued a position paper saying it recognized it would be nearly impossible to get a package deregulating interest rates up to the 25 percent criminal usury level.

However, the same paper indicated the group would be opposed to setting a floating rate at as low as 5 percent above the federal note rate.

So far the discussion on where the

cap will be set ranges on a level from 5 percent pushed by labor and Democratic leaders to 10 percent over the treasury bill rates.

One major area of the issue not yet resolved is whether the cap will be tied to the treasury bill discount or to the coupon rate.

The coupon rate is what a note will actually yield compared to the interest rate on a note when it is sold.

Some consumer loans would be affected differently.

First mortgages could still go up to 25 percent as they have since 1969.

Discussions now center around letting second mortgages also go to the 25 percent rate though that could prove very controversial.

Discussions on land contracts would set them at 15 percent compared to the current maximum of 11 percent.

On credit cards, Keith said he favors a maximum of 1.75 percent per month, an effective annual rate of 21 percent while retailers favor a 2 percent a month, or 24 percent a year rate.

Before the package is agreed to, Keith said, there will be discussions between Milliken and House Speaker Bobby Crim of Davison to get a better understanding of what floating rate that they could accept.

Milliken would not be more specific, in declaring what he would accept, than to say a floating rate of 8-10 percent above the treasury bill rate.

The Michigan Bankers Association, a member of the coalition, said the 8 percent rate, or its equivalent, is the lowest acceptable rate.

The push for total deregulation was dropped after it became evident in the Legislature that the necessary 2/3rds vote in both the Senate and House was not possible.

All banking legislation requires a 2/3rds majority for passage.

To Alaska

...and Back

By Ken Hemming
"Big Capitol and a Small Capitol"

Anchorage and Fairbanks are the main population centers in Alaska, but Juneau, located in the Southeastern panhandle, is the home of the State Capitol. A small city (pop. 10,000), Juneau is tucked into the southern end of a strip of land fifteen miles long and about a mile wide. A coastal range forms its eastern boundary, with the inland waterway and Douglas Island bordering the west. The only transportation out of the area is by boat or plane, so, consequently, feelings of isolation, or rock fever, affect many Juneau residents.

Generally, the locals that passed by my desk retreated to the hotel bar, a saloon-style establishment adorned with cut glass mirrors and overhanging lights, antique furniture, and solid hardwood throughout, including the stairs and a balcony, for those wishing to get a full view of the action. One such local was called "Bear", and the periodic roar that resounded from the bar and nearly shook me off my desk stool explained why. The proprietors finally told Bear to tone it down a few decibels, because he was scaring away the customers. Although there was no Jack's Diner, Grayling Restaurant, or Old Mill Inn in Juneau (they must not be chains), I did find solace for my local cafe urges in a Filipino restaurant up the street and at the Black Bear Cafe around the corner from the Alaskan Hotel. Fish was plentiful, of course, and my favorite dish was a combination fish chowder for \$1.25/bowl. For comparison, all other soups at the local cafes, including chicken noodle soup, cost \$3.00/bowl, and egg omelettes were \$5.00 and up. Store prices were fairly reasonable, so eating out quickly became a special event.

I spent a month in Juneau, living and working at the Alaskan Hotel, a national historical building presently in operation, but under renovation. From the front desk, I was able to observe a mainstream of activity and entertain a variety of dialogue that enlightened me to the economics, politics, and attitudes of the Alaskan people. I spoke at length with a legislative aide about the power struggles in the Capitol, most pointedly over the proposed move of the Capitol to Willow, a small town north of Anchorage. The City of Juneau is resisting the move and the people of Alaska refuse to pay for the move, but the legislature has already passed the proposal and by next session (January '82) it should have the financial support to make the move. With the wealth of natural resources in Alaska and the attention of the rest of the nation, the aide was very candid when he told me, "Alaska is up for grabs!"

One potential grabber is Secretary of Interior James Watt, who visited Alaska while I was there. Although his business focused on the lands to be protected from development, Watt's image as exploitation advocate caused his visit to spark a heated debate between environmentalists and developers. To soften his image, major newspapers ran pictures of Watt showing innocent excitement seeing whales near Glacier Bay, but politically conscious locals were not so easily taken in. As I walked by the Capitol Building the morning of Watt's visit, demonstrators were greeting him with a "21 Chainsaw Salute". The demonstration was peaceful, the speeches short, and the chainsaws a "clearcut" statement to Watt, who took notice of the display.

Even though a Capitol move could virtually turn Juneau into a ghost town, the Juneau area, especially the Mendenhall Valley to the north, is undergoing almost frantic-paced construction to meet the high housing demands that now exist. I was lucky not so much at finding a job at the Alaskan Hotel my second day in town, but at finding a place to stay so soon (I traded two shifts at the desk per week for a room). One bedroom apartments in Juneau easily run \$400-\$600/month, if you can find one (I think they're passed by blood lineage). Also, homes that would cost \$30,000-\$50,000 in Michigan are \$100,000-\$175,000, and more, there. One evening, a bank teller friend ran excitedly into the hotel lobby and up to the desk to tell me that she had found an efficiency apartment after a two month search. Rent \$450/month.

Fisherman, loggers, tourists, businessmen, and locals passed through the Alaskan Hotel while I was there. I met a heavy equipment operator from Escanaba, Michigan, who had worked the Alaskan Pipeline and was trying to free his retirement from the local union hall. With work cutbacks and a questionable union management, he was in danger of losing \$12,000 of accumulated benefits if he wasn't sent out on a job by December 15. I wonder how he did.

mosquitos, and I often did a double take, since one needs to beware of the Alaskan mosquitos that grow that size. I'd sit and stare at the sun's light show glimmering on the water, occasionally glancing up at the ridges of Douglas Island shining green and tall across the channel, and I'd wonder why so many Juneau people seemed somber and dreary. The state and federal governments were big in Juneau, and bureaucracies can cause zombie-like behavior, but there had to be more. It then clouded over and rained for three straight weeks, and I had part of the answer. (next-Valley of the Glacier)

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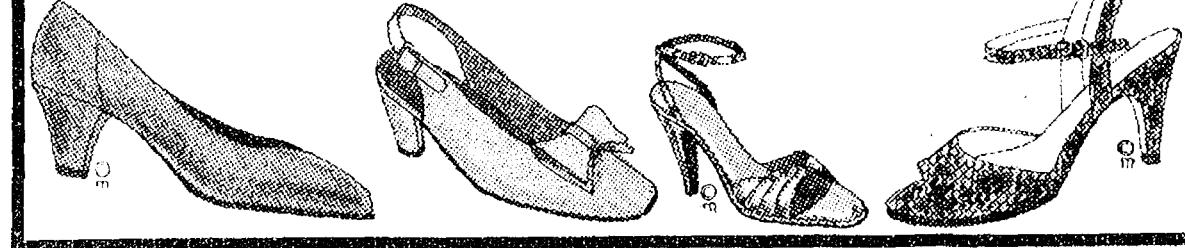
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The Lovells Chapel Guild held their annual Christmas meeting at the Margie Harwood home.

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Ruth Caid was in charge of Devotion and Bible quiz.

Our next meeting will be Wed., Jan. 6th at noon. Ruth Caid will be hostess, with meeting at her home in Lovells.

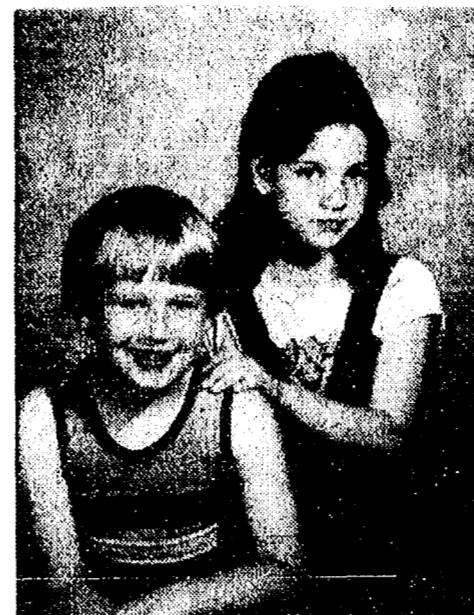
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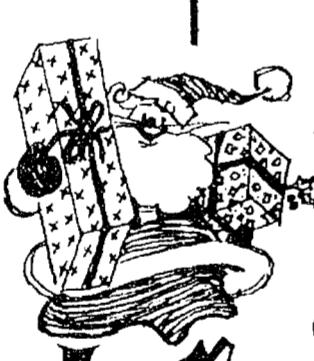
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Crawford AuSable School District

Regular Meeting — November 9, 1981

I. PRELIMINARY

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Burkley at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

2. Attendance.

A. Members.

(1) Present.
Kathleen Burkley, President
Bernadine Dosch, Vice-President
Freddie Allen, Treasurer
Pauline Petrosky, Trustee
William Morford, Trustee
Roger Moshier, Trustee

B. Others Present.

Mr. Kent Reynolds, Grayling High School Principal
Mr. Dale Nicholas, Grayling Middle School Principal
Mr. Pat Nunn, Grayling Elementary School Principal
Mr. David Hawkins, Elementary School Assistant Principal
Mr. Jon Thompson, Crawford County Avalanche Several Students
Several Community Members

3. Approval of Minutes.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Freddie Allen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 1981, as amended. Motion carried; all aye.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by William Morford, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held October 26, 1981. Motion carried; all aye.

II. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

4. Hearing Session.

Dr. Diedrich responded to a question from the audience concerning the district's total increase for salaries for the 1981-82 school year.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

5. Correspondence.

The Board reviewed and discussed all correspondence to and from the district.

IV. BOARD OPERATIONS

6. Work-Study Session Scheduled.

It was moved by Bernadine Dosch, seconded by Pauline Petrosky, that a work-study session of the Board be scheduled on November 30, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Motion carried; all aye.

7. Closed Session.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by William Morford, that a Closed Session be held prior to items 14 and 21 of the present agenda.

Ayes: Kathleen Burkley, Bernadine Dosch, Freddie Allen, Pauline Petrosky, William Morford, Roger Moshier
Nays: None
Absent: Mary Allen

Motion was declared adopted.

8. Priority District Needs Approved.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, that the 1981-82 list of Priority District Needs be approved for administrative action. Motion carried; all aye.

V. ADMINISTRATION

9. Superintendent's Salary Set.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, to accept the recommendation of the Board subcommittee that the Superintendent's salary for the 1981-82 school year be set at \$36,742.00, plus continuation of current fringe benefits. Motion carried; all aye.

10. Superintendent's Contract Extended.

It was moved by Bernadine Dosch, seconded by Pauline Petrosky, to accept the recommendation of the Board subcommittee that the Superintendent's contract of employment be extended one additional year.

Ayes: Kathleen Burkley, Bernadine Dosch, Freddie Allen, Pauline Petrosky, William Morford, Roger Moshier
Nays: None
Absent: Mary Allen

Motion was declared adopted.

VI. BUSINESS

11. Superintendent's Salary Set.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, that the Superintendent's salary for the 1981-82 school year be set at \$36,742.00, plus continuation of current fringe benefits. Motion carried; all aye.

12. Administrative Contracts Approved.

It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, that all Administrative contracts for the 1981-82 school year be approved.

Ayes: All

Nays: None
Absent: Mary Allen

Motion was declared adopted.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, to adjourn this meeting at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried; all aye.

Mary A. Allen, Secretary
Board of Education

in the amount of \$308,204.36 be approved. Motion carried; all aye.

15. Sale of 1980-81 Building Trades House. It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by William Morford, that the offer to purchase the 1980-81 Building Trades House, in the amount of Fifty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty dollars (\$56,550.00) plus other conditions submitted through Century 21 River Country Real Estate be approved.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Allen

Motion was declared adopted.

16. Authorization for Completion of Sale. It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, that the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Paul Lerg, be authorized to sign all papers necessary for completing the sale of the 1980-81 Building Trades House. Motion carried; all aye.

17. Amendment to General Appropriations Resolution Approved. It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by William Morford, that the Amendment to the General Appropriations Resolution be approved for the current school year.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Allen

Motion was declared adopted.

VII. PERSONNEL

18. Routine Personnel Actions. It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by Bernadine Dosch, that all routine personnel actions be confirmed. Motion carried; all aye.

19. Secretaries Master Agreement approved. It was moved by Pauline Petrosky, seconded by William Morford, that the 1981-82 Master Agreement between the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education and the Secretaries bargaining unit be approved.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Allen



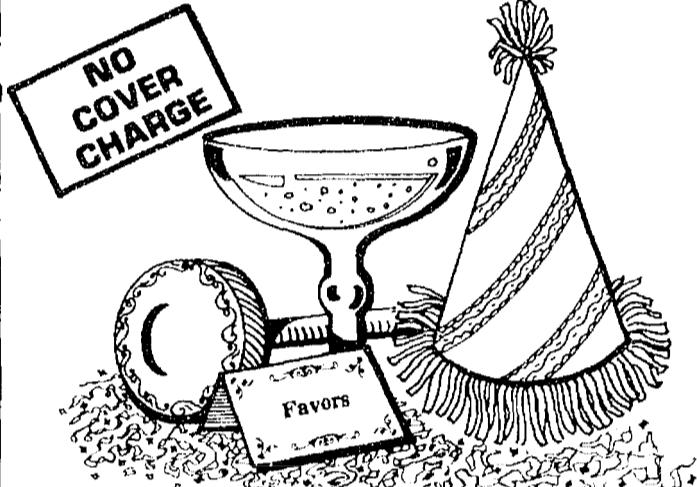
BUCKLE UP—Sheriff Joe White and Road Commission Manager John Keir show one of several new Buckle Up signs placed in Crawford County. The Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. ordered the signs at no local cost through a federal program that encourages motorists to use seat belts.

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Xmas Party at Legion

Grayling American Legion Post No. 106 has scheduled a Post Christmas Party for Monday, December 28th at 8 p.m. and a Membership Contest that will run until March 1, 1982. Post Commander Al Kesteloot announced last week.

All Legionaires and their spouses or guests are invited for the Christmas Party at the Legion Hall. Each person is asked to bring a white elephant gift marked for a man or lady for a gift exchange.

At last week's meeting the interested members present were divided into two teams headed by Vice-Commanders John Keir and Tom Milner. Points will be awarded for signing up new or reinstated members. The losing team will treat the winning team to a dinner before the Post Birthday Party on Saturday, March 13th, where Tina will be providing the music.

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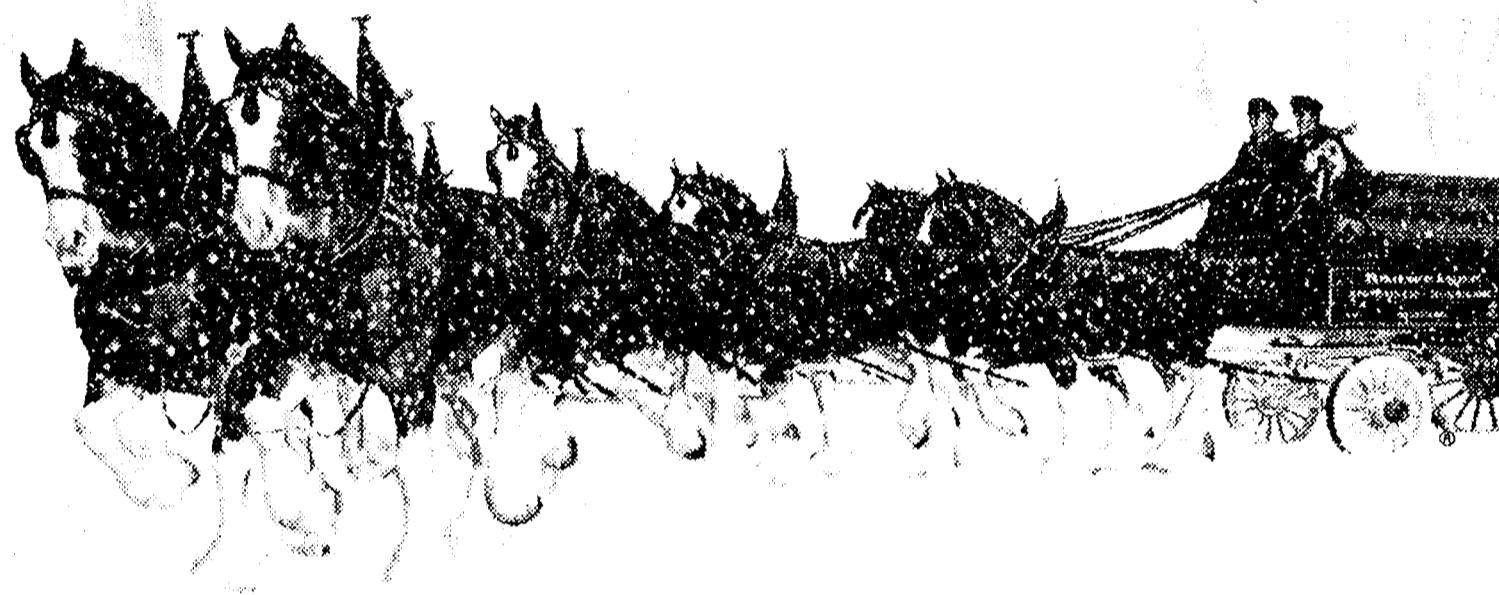
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District Court

The following persons appeared before District Court Judge Francis L. Walsh on Tuesday, December 15, in 93rd District Court.

Steven Dudek, 28, of Lawton, was waived over to Circuit Court on an amended charge of attempted larceny of property more than \$100.

Dan Staley, 29, of Kalkaska, plead guilty to a charge of impaired driving and was fined \$255 or 14 days.

Michael DeMoines, 21, of Frederic, was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of breaking and entering an unoccupied building.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Probate Court
For the County of Crawford
PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of Clara A. Dawson, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 6, 1982 at 1:30 p.m., in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan, before Hon. Emil J. Kraus Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held, on the Petition of Old Kent Bank and Trust Company for admission of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased dated October 11, 1971 to Probate, for the appointment of Old Kent Bank and Trust Company as Personal Representative and for a determination of heirs of said deceased.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: All creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Old Kent Bank and Trust Company at One Vandenberg Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the court on or before March 12, 1982.

The above decedent resided at 307 Ogemaw Street, Grayling, Michigan and her Social Security Number is 367-12-2074 and she died September 30, 1981.

Notice is further given that the estate will thereupon be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled to.

December 15, 1981

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**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE SALE**

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ronald G. Gammon and Rita Gammon, his wife of 316 Fulton St., Grayling, Michigan 49738, Mortgagors, to the Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation of Grayling, Michigan 49738, Mortgagee dated September 2, 1977 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of September 1978, in Liber 172 of Crawford County Registered on page 401, on which mortgage there is claims to be due, at the date of this action for principal and interest, the sum of Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine and 76/100 (\$7,749.76).

AND no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of February, 1982 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Crawford County Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 9 1/4 per cent, per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the Attorney Fees allowed by law and also any sum or sums including real estate taxes which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are described as follows: State of Michigan, County of Crawford in the Township of Grayling, to wit:

The East one-half (1/2) of the South one-half (1/2) of Lot fifteen (15) of Block number four (4) of Martha M. Brink's First Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 7, 1981.

Francis L. Walsh

District Judge

David R. Sabin, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
709 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738

The Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee
-17-24-31-7

**Notice of
Mortgage Sale**

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain real estate mortgage made by Helen I. Campbell, of 7480 Military Road, Route 1, Box 1585, Grayling, Michigan, to Key State Bank, 100 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan, dated June 11, 1980, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on June 13, 1980 in Liber 187, Page 378, on which there is claimed to be due at the time of this notice Thirty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Five and 72/100 (\$37,505.72) Dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said money secured by said real estate mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided that on Monday, January 4, 1982, at 10:00 A.M. in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the front steps of the Crawford County Court House, City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in said real estate mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so due as aforesaid and all legal costs and expenses of sale, together with the attorney fee provided by statute, the lands and premises in said real estate mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

The South half (1/2) of the South half (1/2) of the South half (1/2) of the Northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, in Michigan.

The mortgagor, her heirs, personal representatives and any person lawfully claiming from or under her shall have six (6) months from the date on which the above described premises are sold to redeem the premises in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: November 20, 1981

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Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the District Court For
The County of Crawford
File No. LT 81 039

Arthur G. Clough and
Lillian A. Clough, his wife,
Plaintiffs
vs

James C. Sawyer and Judith
C. Sawyer, Defendants
ORDER

Petitioners motion for an order allowing service of process by publication upon defendants, James C. Sawyer and Judith A. Sawyer having been heard, and an affidavit filed in support of said motion having been considered, the court finds that service of process by publication provided for under DCR. 106 is necessary as the whereabouts of the defendant(s) and their residence (is) unknown; that the defendant(s) probably reside outside of the state; and that a summons and complaint has been returned showing that service of process cannot be made in the county where the defendant(s) previously resided.

NOW, THEREFORE, the defendant(s) James and Judith A. Sawyer, are hereby notified that a civil action has been commenced against them for forfeiture of a certain land contract dated June 11, 1977 between the parties hereto for the following described property, to wit:

Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 13, Sixth Addition to Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

AND THAT, if you desire to defend same, you are required to answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law with regard to the complaint filed against you, in the District Court for the County of Crawford on or before January 5, 1981 at 4:00 P.M. o'clock in the afternoon. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: November 24, 1981

Francis L. Walsh
District Judge

David R. Sabin, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
709 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738

The Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee
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Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 12/27/81 - 1/2/82

ARIES	Keep your thoughts channeled on achieving your goals. There are those who would try to put you down.
TAURUS	Mental pursuits take you into uncharted areas, and bring some unusual experiences. Friends at a distance contact you.
GEMINI	Money and valuables should be kept in a safe place. All accounts, including taxes and insurance, should be kept current.
CANCER	Put your appointments calendar to good use. Know exactly when and where you will be spending your time.
LEO	Spend some of your restless energy in doing thoughtful things for others. You will be amply rewarded.
VIRGO	You may have to put forth a little more effort to make others accept your ideas. It can be done.
LIBRA	Adjusting to the home environment may take a little work on your part. Disturbing conditions will level off.
SCORPIO	Look for a new kind of work—or a new method of handling familiar tasks. Perk up the routine.
SAGITTARIUS	Spend a little to gain a lot. Search for new financial advantages. Study books and periodicals.
CAPRICORN	Trust your own viewpoint on current plans and see what surprising results are achieved. Be confident.
AQUARIUS	Let not the envy of another disturb you. Silence is a formidable weapon against a gossip monger.
PISCES	You can get most anything you want through the kindness of friends. Make sure you really want it.

City Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the City Council held December 14, 1981. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thompson at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Latuszek, Thompson, Sloan, Golnick. Members Absent: Sabin*
Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager; Allen V. Schreiner, City Treasurer; William J. Crouch, Kelly Kingsbury, Craig Collier, Ed Durga Jr., Ron Pearce, Kelly Verlinde, Star Rogers, A.D. Sorenson, Peter Stephan, Gloria Stephan, Arthur Clough III, William Heemer, Robert Butzin.

Motion by Latuszek, supported by Sloan that the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 1981 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0; Absent: 1, motion carried.

There were no citizens who wished to speak.

Communications were received and noted.

From City Manager re: Citation presentation awards for outstanding performance were given to City Police Patrolman Robert Butzin, Sheriff Deputies, Sargent William Heemer and Arthur Clough III. Mr. Morford read the awards and presented them to the officers.

*Mr. Sabin was now present.

From City Treasurer re: Monthly Financial Statement.

From State of Michigan re: Campaign Finance Bulletin.

From M.M.L. re: Legislative Bulletins.

From A.V. Schreiner re: Senate Bill 348.

From M.M.L. re: Seminar on Budgeting for Municipalities.

From M.M.L. re: 1982 Regional Meetings.

From Grayling Housing Commission re: Minutes of meeting 12-10-81.

Old Business.

Appointments to various City Commissions were discussed.

Motion by Latuszek, supported by Golnick that Larry Akers be re-appointed to the Housing Commission. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Motion by Golnick, supported by Thompson that Wayne Hindmarsh and Michael Hauxwell be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Motion by Golnick, supported by Thompson that Howard Madsen be re-appointed to the Compensation Commission if he wishes to serve. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

The City Manager noted completion of the 1981 Street Construction program and presented an invoice from R.S. Scott & Associates for engineering services in the amount of \$2,914.10. He recommended approval of the invoice.

Motion by Sloan, supported by Latuszek that the invoice from R.S. Scott & Assoc. be approved. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Motion by Golnick, supported by Thompson that Council go on record as opposing HB 5185 on behalf of their constituents. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business.

Discussion took place reference purchase of a new pick-up for the D.P.W. The City Manager noted that the Pontiac Sedan which was used by the D.P.W. was sold on sealed bids. It was necessary to replace it. He recommended a small pickup truck for use by this department.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Sloan that the City Manager be authorized to purchase a pick-up truck from Scheer Motors at a cost not to exceed \$6,604.00. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

The City Manager proposed changing the date of the December 28, 1981 City Council Meeting to December 29th or 30th.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Sloan that the December 28, 1981 meeting be postponed until December 29, 1981. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of Councilmen.

Ms. Latuszek reported on the Recreation Authority Meeting.

Ms. Latuszek asked if other members of Council could be provided with a copy of the Housing Commission Personnel Policies. Mr. Morford agreed to do this.

Reports of City Manager. Mr. Morford reported on the following:

Meeting on Community Development Block Grants held in Gaylord.

Schedule of 1982 City Council Meetings.

Possible future requests for Tax Abatement under P.A. 198. He presented to Council copies of a booklet on the Act.

Northeast Economic Development Center.

Adjournment.

Motion by Golnick, supported by Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

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Christmas glows from our hearts as we worship together the newborn King.



Sunday Galatians 2:15-21 Monday Ephesians 1:3-12 Tuesday Matthew 2:15-27 Wednesday Acts 14:1-20 Thursday Ephesians 2:1-18 Friday Colossians 1:19-29 Saturday 1Timothy 2:1-7

Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

13 Crawford Co. Avalanche Thurs., Dec. 24, 1981

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Pastor, Gordon Stecker 348-2342

Sabbath School 9:45 a.m.

Church Service 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting, Tues. 7:00 p.m.

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Christian Science Society 206 Fifth St.

Gaylord, Michigan Church Services 10:30 a.m.

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REV. DONALD ROBERTS 91 Elm St. Phone 348-7132

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Potluck Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of month after service.

Prayer Service-Wed., 7:30 p.m.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.

Pastor, Wayne Horton

Sunday: Church School 10 a.m.

Preaching 11 a.m.

Midweek Service, Prayer, 7:30 p.m.

GAYLORD CHRISTIAN REFORMED

Rev. J.J. Vanden Hoek 415 Ohio North

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Service 5 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(LCA Synod) 710 Spruce St.

Robert F. Haskell, Pastor Phone 348-8201

Church School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

M-72 West Pastor Robert Barnett

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer & Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church

M-72 West Vicar: The Rev. Derik Justin Roy

Home: 348-2682

Office: 348-6850

Sunday Service at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Church School and Supervised Nursery at 10:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Frederic Pastor Robert Taylor

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Youth Meetings 6:30 p.m.

Juniors, ages 7-12

Seniors, ages 13 & up 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Christ Missionary Church Minister H.A. Hennig

4 Mi. East of Frederic on Co. Rd. 612 in Maple Forest Twp.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship & Praise 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service

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Summer 7 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer, Bible Study and Praise

Winter 6 p.m.

Summer 7 p.m.

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Urge Safe Driving During Holiday Season

With Michigan accident records so far indicating a traffic death toll below 2,000 for the seventh time in the last eight years, State Police Director, Col. Gerald L. Hough today urged motorists and pedestrian cooperation in extending this improvement in travel safety through the holiday periods to the year end.

Hough again emphasized

that the holiday season provides an especially appropriate time for motorists and pedestrians to show goodwill and concern for safety by exerting the extra attention needed for traffic accident prevention.

He cautioned that general holiday excitement can distract motorists from giving full attention to hazards of reduced visibility, snowy or icy roads and excessive speeds. He advised motorists to refrain from driving when and if their holiday celebrating includes any immoderate drinking.

Data to date indicates Michigan's traffic toll this year provisionally will be around 1,625. Last year the actual toll was 1,774. In the 1964-73 period the tolls were over 2,000, the state's worst on record being 2,487 in 1969.

The holiday periods this year will be 78 hours long, extending from 6 p.m. Thursday through to midnight Sunday for both the Christmas and New Year periods. Traffic accidents claimed 23 deaths during Christmas and 21 during New Year's in 102-hour periods last year in Michigan.

All State Police districts and posts will operate highway patrols as manpower permits.

The following were among those admitted to Mercy Hospital during the past week:

Joan Rose, Connie Thompson, Robin Miller, Lloyd Stahl, William Crouch and William Isenhauer all of Grayling; Harold Breckow of Frederic; Deborah Saaranen of Roscommon.

Those discharged: Bernadine Clement, Donald Prause, Connie Thompson, Joan Rose, Robin Miller, William Crouch, and William Isenhauer all of Grayling; Muriel Cherven of Roscommon.

Kelly and Michelle Elm of Grayling, are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Andrea. The little lady was born December 14, 1981, weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs.

Glenn and Robin Miller of Grayling, gave birth to a baby boy, Scott Allan, born December 14, 1981, weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

Paul and Debbie Saarinen, of Roscommon, announce the arrival of a baby boy, Joshua, born December 15, 1981, weighing 8 lbs. 6½ ozs.

Reminder for the Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite dinner Jan. 8th.

Happy Birthday to Senior Citizen Leona Bailey Dec. 26, Pearl White of Maple Forest Dec. 29 and Pastor Robert Taylor Dec. 30th.

December 14th Timberview Village Adult Foster Care Home held their annual Christmas party for their residence, family and friends. A beautiful party and a lovely time by all with 85 in attendance. Beautifully decorated and know the folks welcome your visit, so if you can, come and see us.

Friday, the 18 the Lovells

Ladies were there for the monthly bingo game with 16

playing, and Ralph Haynes

was the winner of the cover

all, a lovely Afghan. Thank

you ladies for the nice time,

our people really enjoy

themselves.

No Daniel Band Dec. 29,

will resume following Tuesday.

Have a nice holiday

boys and girls.

Sunday evening the First

Baptist Church held their

Christmas Program,

Recitation by each child with

their class. The Nursery is

always something extra

special, the expression on

their faces, is always a joy to

see. The choir selections

from the Cantata "Love

Transcending". A big thank

you to the director Lois Mer-

tes and the Pianist Pauline

Henion for the beautiful

work you put in the program,

and the children. The church

was packed, and was so good

to see a lot of friends out.

"Merry Christmas".

42 boys and girls were out

to the Sno Bird to see Santa,

everyone had a good time.

Thank you Sno Bird.

Frederic Fire Dept. reports

5 ambulance calls, 2 fires.

The community wishes to

extend their sympathy to the

family of Frieda Hobbins

who was a resident of Village

Manor. Frieda was so well

liked and she will be missed.

More Education

In the United States, 40

percent of all workers in the

25 to 64 age bracket have

completed a year or more of

college.

Bowling Leagues

PIONEER LEAGUE

1. Millikin Construction	37
2. Dawson's	33
3. Northern National Bank	32
4. Donnelly's Uphol.	29½
5. Terry's 76	29
6. Cornell Agency	28
7. Avalanche	27
8. Laura's Bath Shoppe	24½
High Game: N. Gingerich 196, M. LaMotte 187, B. Worden 180.	
High Series: N. Gingerich 528, B. Worden 505, B. Donnelly 480.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. Real Estate One	29
2. Rochette's Party Store	27
3. Stewart Sandwiches	26
4. Ole Dam Party Store	25
5. McLeans ProMart	21
6. Wilts Carpet Service	16
7. Avalanche	15
8. Laura's Bath Shoppe	14
High Game: R. Latuszek 560, D. Callahan 547, R. Weaver 526.	
High Series: D. Wilts 213, R. Latuszek 202, C. Glerke 201.	

THURS. MORNING COFFEE

1. Legion Lanes	35
2. Wendy's	33
3. Smock's Archery	29
4. Wag-On-Inn	26
5. R.J.D. Forest Prod.	20
6. Jim's Uphol.	29
7. Down River True Value	22
8. Callahan's Service	22
9. Silver Dollar Bar	21
10. Studer Forest Products	19
11. Down River True Value	18
12. Callahan's Service	17
13. Silver Dollar Bar	16
14. Studer Forest Products	15
15. Down River True Value	14
16. Callahan's Service	13
17. Silver Dollar Bar	12
18. Studer Forest Products	11
19. Down River True Value	10
20. Callahan's Service	9
21. Silver Dollar Bar	8
22. Studer Forest Products	7
23. Down River True Value	6
24. Callahan's Service	5
25. Silver Dollar Bar	4
26. Studer Forest Products	3
27. Down River True Value	2
28. Callahan's Service	1
29. Silver Dollar Bar	1
30. Studer Forest Products	1

ROOKIE ROLLERS

1. Grayling 4-H	30
2. Rochette's	27
3. DuBols Lumber	26
4. A.J.D.	24
5. NNB	20
6. Dairy Queen	20
7. Moshters Kids	18
8. Charles Angels	15
High Game: N. Meagher 124, S. Hinds 112, N. Morrill 97.	
High Series: N. Meagher 232, S. Hinds 202, N. Morrill 175.	
High Game: M. Burkley 94, C. SanCarter 90, B. Day & A. Burkley 88.	
High Series: M. Burkley 186, B. Day 175, C. SanCarter 169.	

LITTLE RASCALS

1. Legion Auxiliary	3
2. Mickey Perez CPA	3
3. Real Estate One	3
4. Jim's Canoe Livery	2
5. Moshters Sales & Service	1
6. Comfort Center	0
7. Dan & Muggles Arrow	0
8. Pete the Greek	0
High Game: C. Bonamie 132, M. VanHill 125, R. Montgomery & M. VanHill 118.	
High Series: M. VanHill 244, R. Montgomery 220, C. Bonamie 219.	
High Game: N. Trenary 112, S. Hinds 104 & 99, D. Phelps & S. Hinds 96.	
High Series: S. Hufield 203, N. Trenary 189, D. Phelps 184.	

Hospital News

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EVERLASTING ON THIS HOLY HOLIDAY AS WE
SPREAD HIS MESSAGE OF LOVE.**

From The Avalanche and Staff



Merry Christmas

And

Best Wishes

For The New Year To All My Friends.

RUTH CAID

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPERSTITIONS

Superstitious? If so, as midnight approaches on December 31, open the windows in your home and sweep from back to front, allowing the old year's bad luck and evil spirits to be swept away, while letting in the New Year's good luck. On New Year's Day, break a pomegranate on your doorstep in the Greek tradition. This is said to bring wealth during the new year.

Old-fashioned Christmas still celebrated in parts of Norway

On the seven seas and in the harbours of every continent, Christmas trees are set up on the mastsheads of Norwegian ships during the holiday season. And on shipboard, as in Norwegian homes all over the world, Christmas is celebrated Norwegian style—which means that it is celebrated a little differently than it might be in other countries.

Subtle differences

Perhaps the difference is not as great as it used to be. Today's

ease of communication and the intermingling of nationalities have encouraged a general trend towards uniformity. To the casual observer, the similarities between Christmas in Oslo, London or New York may be more apparent than the differences.

There is the same frantic

Christmas-gift rush in the stores, the gaily lit Christmas trees in the squares, the fanciful window displays with starry-eyed youngsters craning their necks to get a better view.

Nostalgic dreams

And there is also, as in any city, the same nostalgic dream in the hearts of adults about the way grandmother used to celebrate Christmas. But, in parts of Norway, this is a dream that can still almost come true, especially in the countryside.

In big country kitchens in farms and villages off the beaten track, the preparations begin weeks before the festive season. The special Christmas beer, *juleøl*, is brewed; many traditional pork dishes are prepared; numerous varieties of small cakes, biscuits and cookies—the minimum being seven different kinds—are baked along with the *julekake*, the sweet Christmas bread filled with raisins and citron.

There is a traditional and thorough housecleaning as the holidays approach, and enough wood is chopped to keep the fires burning for at least the first three days of Christmas.

Finally, when Christmas Eve arrives, the tree is decorated by the parents behind the closed doors of the living room—the children are not allowed to enter until the following day, after the family meal has been eaten.

Opening presents

It is not until carols have been sung around the tree that the children are allowed to open their presents. How's that for suspense?

Heavens Open On "Le Jour de Noel"

Le Jour de Noel, or Christmas Day, in France is a great day for children. For centuries, they have been told how "*le Petit Jesus, Saveur adorable, le nuit de Noel*" was born in a stable and they came to believe that the heavens would open on Christmas Eve and *Le Petit Noel* would come down to bring gifts for those who had been good.

In more recent times *Le Petit Noel* has been replaced by *Le Pere Noel*—Father Christmas—a heavenly personage who distributes toys and goodies to well-behaved children. In some parts of the country children believe that *Le Pere Noel* is accompanied by *Le Pere Fouettard*—Father Spanker—who carries a load of switches which he leaves with children who have not been well behaved.

PEAR CAKE

One of Switzerland's special holiday treats is "*birwegege*," a pear cake which contains a spicy, flavorful concentrate from air-dried pears mixed with raisins and shaped to resemble a shiny loaf of bread. Also traditional is the "*firgel*," a Christmas cookie said to have originated as an early German sacrificial cake.

Christmas Drummer Old German Custom

In old Germany, children looked forward to the arrival of the Christmas drummer. According to the custom, once the Christmas dinner was completed, an elderly man, with a drum attached around his neck and resting on his stomach, would lead a procession through each room in the house, beating the drum to frighten away witches and evil spirits. When he reached the children's room, the door was opened with great ceremony to reveal a large Christmas tree, illuminated with candles and laden with gifts for boys and girls. A huge Janus head—or Jack-o'-lantern—was placed in the center of the tree and lighted with candles so that flame and smoke issued from the nose, mouth and ears. This was the signal for the children to surround the tree and strip it of the gifts, while the older members of the family exchanged presents and joined in the spirit of the occasion.



Peace on earth, good will to all, as we celebrate the miracle of our Saviour's birth. At this holy time, we give thanks.

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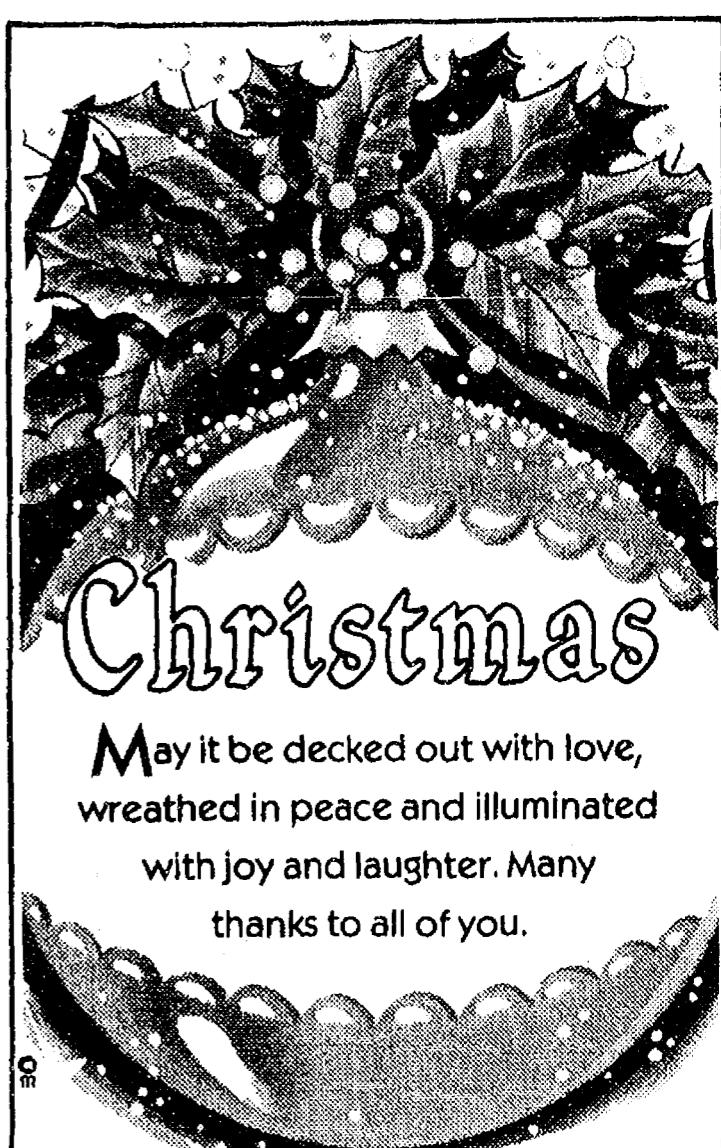


Here's hoping you enjoy a family-filled, fun-filled Christmas. Special thanks to all our dear friends.

Merry Christmas
Mac's Drug Store



The Grayling Big Boy

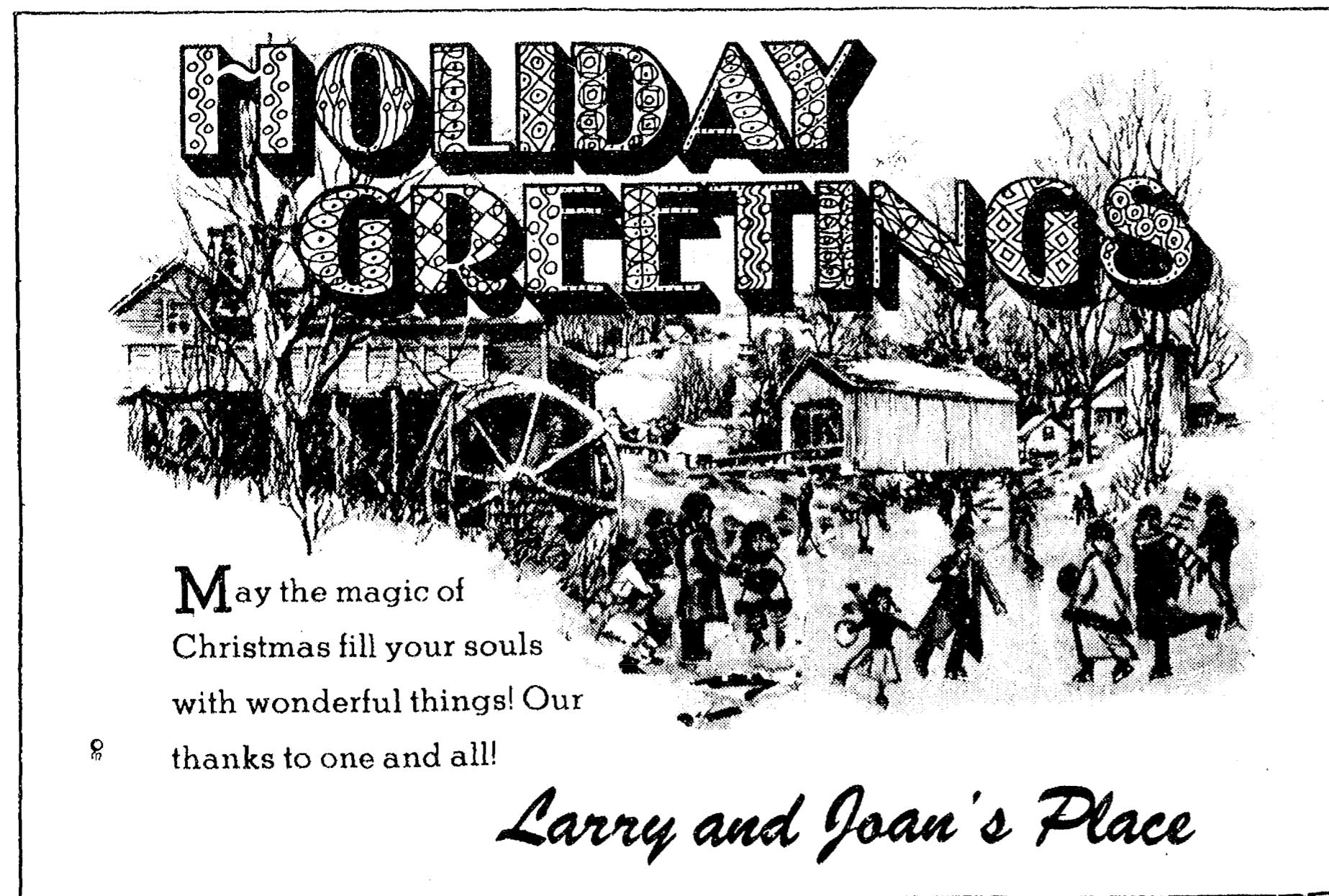


Grayling Automotive



May this holiday season
be decorated with peace, joy
and love! Noel!

*Crawford County Board
of Commissioners*



May the magic of
Christmas fill your souls
with wonderful things! Our
thanks to one and all!

Larry and Joan's Place



*Jack Millikin
Construction*

*Seasons Greetings
To
Relatives & Friends*

VERNA BARBER



Merry Christmas

Like the evergreen, may your holiday season belong... and the treasured memories last forever! Thanks to all our patrons!

McLean's Promart
Home Center



May you share in the spirit of loving, giving and worshipping together. To all our friends... many thanks for your kindness.

Davis Jewelry

Festive Tidings

Deck the halls, trim the tree! Fill this time with bright cheer and smiles... let the days ring out with laughter. It's Christmas!... enjoy it in every way. Thanks to you!

Dawson's

This year's Christmas pleasure may become tomorrow's treasure

All of us want to give something for Christmas that will be remembered and cherished for years to come. To do this meaningfully, start someone on the hobby of collecting.

The first item towards a collection makes a unique gift and is the beginning of a rewarding pastime that will bring enjoyment for years and cause you to be remembered.

You can find collectible items that will appeal to any age group. Young children can be started on a collection of piggy banks or dolls. Teens will spend hours with stamp or coin collections.

For lovers of beauty

For those on your list who appreciate beauty, try paperweights, bells, butter dishes or ceramic plates. Collector's plates come in a variety of Christmas themes, the Norman Rockwell series being a particular favorite among those who collect Americana.

While all of these collectibles will be enjoyed for their present beauty and uniqueness, they do have the potential of becoming valuable treasures in the future.

Bottle collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the country today. Included in this category are ceramic decanters which are issued by many liquor companies throughout the year, as well as at Christmas time. Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc., makers of Wild Turkey Bourbon, issues limited editions of their Wild Turkey ceramic decanters every Fall.

Increasing value

Limited edition means that a specific number are produced and the mold is then broken. Thus, there's a good possibility that the decanter will increase in value and become a highly prized collector's item.

The first Wild Turkey decanter, introduced in 1971, originally retailed for \$20. It now commands a price of about \$500. The complete unopened set of eight from the first series now has an estimated value of

\$2,000!

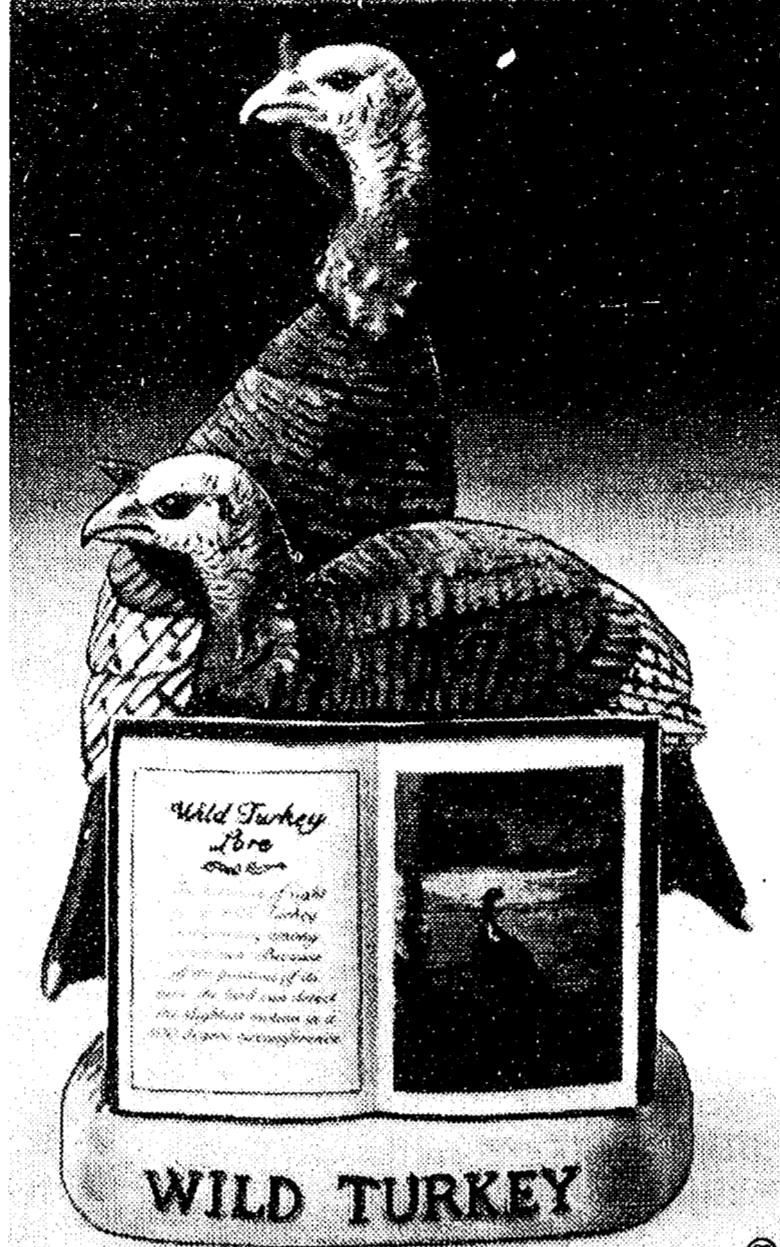
Many ceramics are issued as part of a series, making it that much easier to select next year's gift. However, if the recipient has caught the collecting bug, they'll probably beat you to it.

Therefore, as an added pleasure to the collecting hobby, enroll the collector in a ceramic collector's society. That way, they'll be sure to be informed of the latest ceramic issued, as some are immensely popular

and hard to come by.

Royal Doulton has introduced an International Collectors Club. Wild Turkey, too, has its own Ceramic Collectors Society. Enrollment is as easy as filling out the special card enclosed with each decanter.

So, if you're looking for a Christmas gift of distinction, a gift that may someday be a treasured object of value along with the memory of you, remember collectibles.



COLLECTIBLES MAKE DISTINCTIVE Christmas gifts, and can start someone on the hobby of collecting. Piggy banks or dolls, paperweights or ceramic decanters—such as the one pictured here—are the ideal gifts for those on your shopping list who appreciate beauty.



CAROLING, CAROLING . . . Every day may seem like a holiday at the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom, but Christmas is even more so. Here, as everywhere else, Christmas carolers will be found on Main Street.

Santa's Image By Nast, Moore

The jolly, rotund figure that we know as Santa Claus has come a long way from the image of St. Nicholas, the benevolent Bishop of Myra. Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist, and Dr. Clement Clark Moore, a scholar and poet, were primarily responsible.

A drawing by Nast appeared in an 1874 issue of Harper's Weekly, depicting a rotund and gift-laden Santa Claus about to slide down a chimney or, perhaps, waiting patiently for the children inside the house to go to bed.

Earlier, in 1822, Dr. Moore painted Santa's portraits in the words of a poem that was to become one of the most traditional and beloved of all time. Dr. Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas" for his children. They memorized it and would often recite it at family gatherings. Moore thought so little of it that he put the original manuscript away in a drawer. A family acquaintance later sent a copy of the poem to a newspaper, without naming the author, and the poem was published anonymously for several Christmases before credit was given to Dr. Moore.

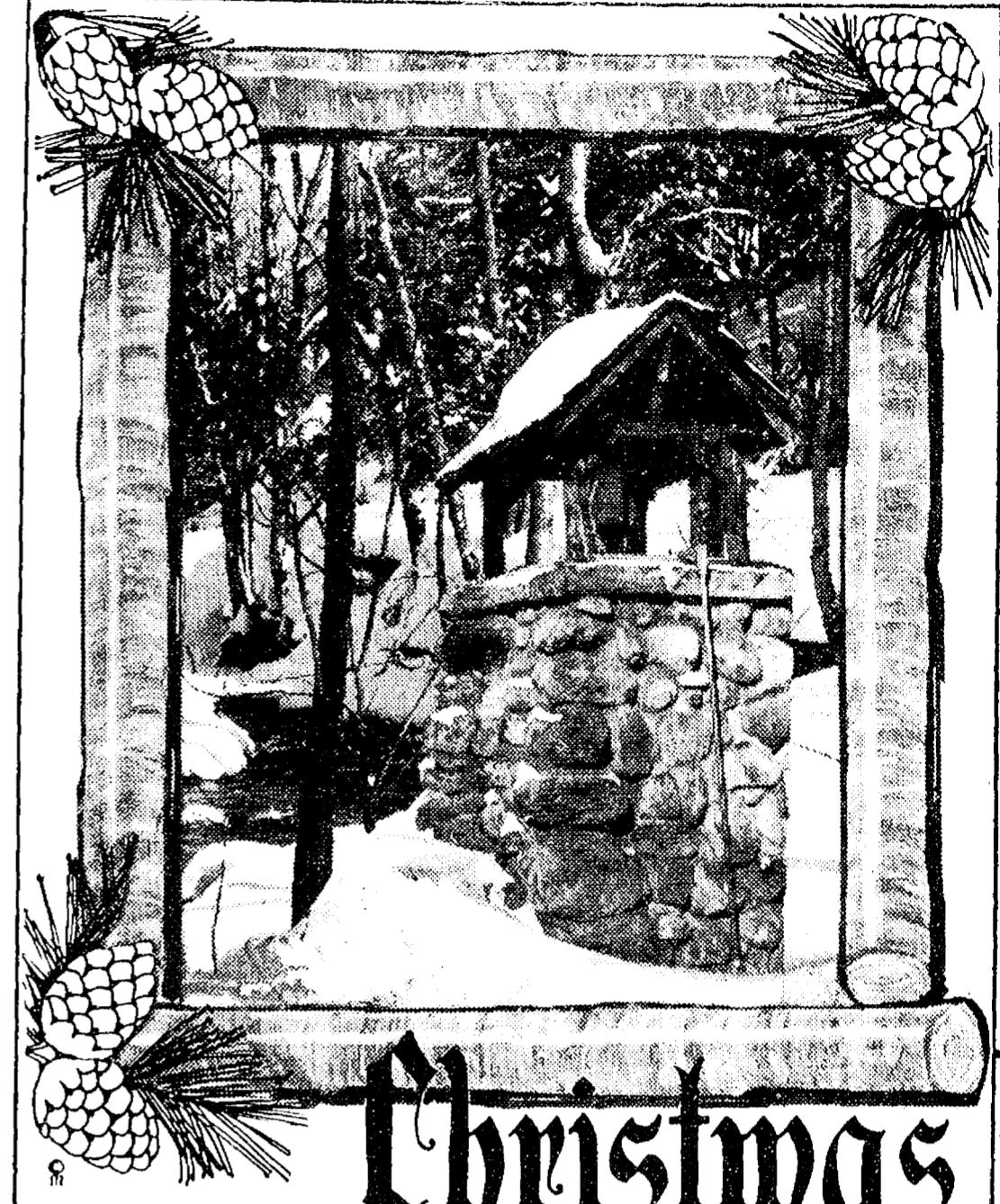
CHRISTMAS FISH

In some parts of Newfoundland, it has long been custom to "fish for the church" during Christmas week. Fishermen bring in their catch to be sold for the benefit of the local parish.

CELEBRATING THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Wondering what to do on the day after Christmas? Why not invite some guests over, mull over the events of the previous day's celebration, and throw nuts at each other just prior to dinner. This is an old practice which commemorates the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, who was stoned to death on December 26.

To My Relatives, Neighbors and Friends a Merry Christmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year
Edna Feldhauser



Christmas

It's in the air... the scent of pine... the feeling of love and warmth.

May the spirit and joyous tradition of the Christmas season embrace you and yours. Accept our heartfelt thanks for your special kindness.

**Jansen's
Sales & Service**



Grayling State Bank

PEACE

ON EARTH

Joyous wishes for a holiday of love and laughter...with sincere thanks to all our good friends.

Scheer Motors, Inc.

**CHRISTMAS
SALE**
BY BILL BENNETT

Biff Coleman eased the pressure of his foot and watched the speedometer needle drop down to 35 miles-per-hour. Central City was probably a speed trap and he didn't want to get started off on the wrong foot.

He saw the faint glow of red in his mirror. Yep, he had guessed right. Cops. Good thing he wasn't speeding. Or was he? That guy had his siren on. He's tailing me, signaling me to move over, Biff thought.

Meeting

He pulled over, the squad car edging up behind him. A young, smiling officer emerged from the car. The type that likes his work, Biff guessed.

"Now, listen officer, I want you to know..."

"Never mind, sir. Please step out of the car. I am Officer Paul McGrath, Central City police force. May I see your driver's license?"

Biff had it in his hand, all ready. "Here you are, but I would like to say..."

"Mr. Coleman, from River City. Mr. Coleman, welcome to Central City. Are you just passing through?"

"I had planned to stay. I..."

"It doesn't matter, sir. May I ask that you come with me? We won't be gone long. You can lock your car and leave it where it is. It will be all right."

Noisy

Biff stepped into the car. The officer started the motor and headed up the street, red dome light flashing, siren going full blast.

The squad car came to an almost screeching stop in front of a building which appeared more like a church than a police station.

"This is our community center," the officer said. "We use it for just about every meeting we have in this town."

Biff allowed himself to be pushed through the door. "Meeting?"

"Sure, meeting. Look."

Crowd

Biff looked. The place was alive with people. Little groups standing around, talking, eating cake and sipping punch.

"Meeting," Officer McGrath said. "We do this every Christmas. We choose someone apparently passing through and bring them here to meet the friendly folks of Calvert City." He gave Biff another friendly shove. "Here he is, Mayor."

The big man grasped Biff's hand. "Your name, sir?"

Biff stammered, "Uh, Uh, Biff. Biff Coleman."

The mayor raised his hands. "Ladies and gentlemen. Step up, if you will, and meet Mr. Biff Coleman. Mr. Coleman is passing through and just stopped to let us wish him a Merry Christmas."

Biff found his voice. "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. But, I'm not passing through. I have come to stay. You know that building on the corner of First and Main just remodeled? Now, my company is opening a branch office there and I want to invite..."

He was drowned by a chorus of voices, "Merry Christmas, Biff."

Terry's Union 76



Terry's Union 76

FOOD STAIN REMOVAL

Food stains are part of the holiday season. Good food and drinks abound, and mishaps are frequent, with clothing and tablecloths the most usual recipients of someone's mistake.

Prompt treatment is recommended for any stained material—the sooner, the better. Protein-based stains such as milk, blood and fruit can be soaked in an enzyme pre-soak product before washing. Greasy stains should be spot-treated with a pre-wash product.

Some difficult stains may require bleaching, but check garment label first. Some fabrics should not be chlorine bleached. Washable fabrics can be spot-cleaned with pre-wash products, then laundered. Non-washable materials may be spot-cleaned with pre-wash products, then laundered. Non-washable materials may be spot-cleaned with a sponge wetted with a dry-cleaning fluid.

LET THIS SONG OF PEACE AND LOVE SPREAD THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD!

Leng's Garage

JOY

to the world... on this holiest of holidays!

The Icehouse
Cora Flowers and Jill Wyman

Hawaiian Holiday

An American missionary to Hawaii, Reverend Hiram Bingham, translated "Joy to the World" for the Isandans in 1823. Almost 40 years later, in 1862, King Kamehameha IV proclaimed Christmas an Hawaiian holiday. By this time, many of the customs and the songs of Christmas were firmly established in Island households.

Since evergreens do not grow on the Islands, each year thousands of Christmas trees are transported by ship from the Pacific Northwest. The trees are often painted or sprayed white to simulate the snow-covered trees Hawaiian children have never seen.

Hawaiians say "Mele Kalikimaha!" for "Merry Christmas," but this is only one form of holiday greetings as Hawaiian citizens are of many races and tongues. They live in harmony year-round, but it is most evident during the Nativity season.

'Twas the night before Christmas..."

...A truly enchanted time for us to say, "Hope yours is a very wonderful holiday. Enjoy!"

Clyde's Plumbing and Heating

From our house to yours, we wish you all the best for a joyous Noel!

Grayling Insurance Agency

Happyville Christmas

by Mike Bennett

Once there was a village called "Happyville," high in the mountains of a far-off land. It was a happy place, most of the time. But on a few occasions there was a bit of sadness here and there—which made Happyville more or less like villages and towns anywhere in the world.

Happyville was famous in a particular part of the world because of the Happyville Christmas tree. Each Christmas Eve, high on the very top of the mountain, the tree was visible for miles and miles, a perfectly-coned shaped arrangement of lights, blinking on and off like a beacon in the sky.

There are some who say that Happyville never existed. Men have searched the mountain in recent decades and found no evidence to prove anything one way or the other.

The simple truth of the matter is that Happyville still exists: And, were you to climb that mountain this Christmastime, with faith enough in your heart, you might just see that Christmas tree blinking high against the sky. But to see, you must believe the legend of Happyville.

Many years ago, so the story goes, Happyville was a home for little people. These little people were friendly with the birds and the animals and at peace with all the creatures of the world. The little people even talked with the animals, which shows how wonderful things were in the village at the top of the Mountain of Faith.

The first Christmas tree appeared at the top of the mountain long, long ago, right after the visit of the jolly old man in the red suit. He was a sky-traveler, and he came to ask the little people for a very small favor.

Once each year, he told the little people, he planned to fly over their mountain and he would be ever so grateful if they would build a fire or light some candles to help guide him on his journey to the south. It seemed a simple enough request, so the little people readily agreed.

But, there was a problem. When the day approached for the fire to be built, the little people remembered they had no matches. And they knew nothing of fire-building, anyway. Something had to be done.

A village conference was held. Everyone attended, even the birds and the animals. After many hours of conference, a plan was made. It was a simple plan, but whether or not there was time to put it into operation was another matter.

In any event, when the meeting ended, the hawks, the eagles, the robins and wrens, every winged creature flew down the mountain north, south, east and west, searching and searching.

On that first trip the jolly old man, whom we now know as Santa Claus, passed high above the Mountain of Faith and marveled at the beauty of a Christmas tree—blinking on and off with the golden light of a million fireflies.

So, now you know the legend of the Happyville Christmas tree and why you never see fireflies about during the wintry season.

We're working on making this Christmas the best one yet! Thank you... everyone!

Krumrei Distributors

GLAD TIDINGS OF THE SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!

Hubbard's Barber Shop
Russ and Donna Hubbard

May your Christmas be abundant with all good things. Thanks.

Olson's of Grayling AND THE Funny Farm Boutique

Merry, Merry Christmas

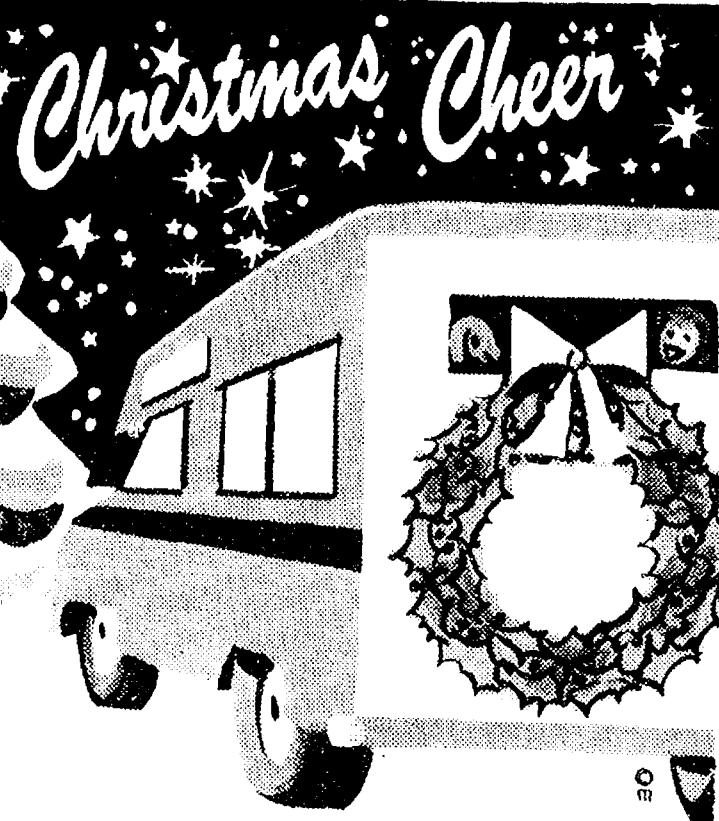
We're sending you our best wishes for a very happy holiday! Thanks!

Miller's Hardware

JOY TO THE WORLD

It's Christmas! A triumphant time to celebrate all life's blessings and all our special joys. And to you, dear friends, many thanks and good wishes!

Potbelly Antique Shop



Crawford County
Public Transit



Chief Shoppenagons
Motor Hotel

PEACE

Let's bridge the gap this joyous holiday season as we spread the word of everlasting love.

THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & STAFF OF
Gaylord State Bank



THE CUSTOM OF SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS originated in England in 1843, where the first known Christmas card was designed by John Calcott Horsley. Today, Americans exchange more than three billion cards during the holiday season. Pictured here is "Best Christmas Wishes," a European print (circa 1890). Courtesy of the Oakland, California Museum.

The historic origins of the modern Christmas card

Christmas cards originated with an English nobleman who yearly wrote Christmas letters to friends and family.

One year—1843—he didn't have the time, and so commissioned an artist to design a card to which he could just add a note. By the 1860's Christmas cards had caught on in England, and shortly afterward crossed the ocean to America.

Today Americans exchange some 3 billion Christmas cards each year. What with the rising prices of cards and postage, it's a custom that can be costly. No wonder so many people are now making their own.

Here are a few ideas, which are easy and fun to make:

First, find envelopes, then cut colored paper or card stock to fit. For a design, cookie cutters are one quick and sure trick, especially for the novice designer.

Trace a single tree or star, or

make a pattern of several. Fill in the outline with scraps of fabric, glitter, bits of pretty giftwrap, whatever. You could accent the outline by gluing on contrasting glitter or yarn.

Hint: to keep fabric from raveling, glue tissue paper to the back and let dry before cutting.

Here is another idea: You can make shiny paint by mixing Elmer's Glue-All and food coloring. Mix in small applicator bottles of Elmer's—red in one, green in another, and so on. Then apply direct from the bottle in dots or lines. Or, mix in small paper cups and apply with toothpicks or paint brushes.

Once you've started card-making, you'll find yourself thinking of all sorts of ideas. You don't have to be an artist to make cut-and-glue Christmas cards—all you need is a sense of fun!

Trace a single tree or star, or

CHRISTMAS ROBIN

Through the years, many symbols have been associated with Christmas—the tree, the Star of Bethlehem, tinsel, tree lights, the manger scene, holly, carolers and mistletoe, among many others. Interestingly, some symbols have come and gone, like the robin, which was often used as an illustration on cards of the Victorian era.

Charles Dickens On Christmas

These lines from the pen of the great Charles Dickens are an expression of one man's attitude and thoughts about Christmas:

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round . . . as a good time; a kind, forgiving time; charitable and pleasant; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore . . . though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good; and I say, God bless it!"

SENSIBLE GIFTS

Gift lists, like Topsy, can grow and grow, and grow—and so can gift spending. A planned approach is the best way to assure that the money doesn't get too short while the gift list is still long. Make a complete gift list before buying the first present. Decide, roughly, how much you can spend for each gift. Small gifts for children can be made more appealing by decorating the outside of the package with candles and sweets. Adults appreciate packages wrapped with special care. And, in the final analysis, being remembered, more than the cost of the gift, is important to everyone.

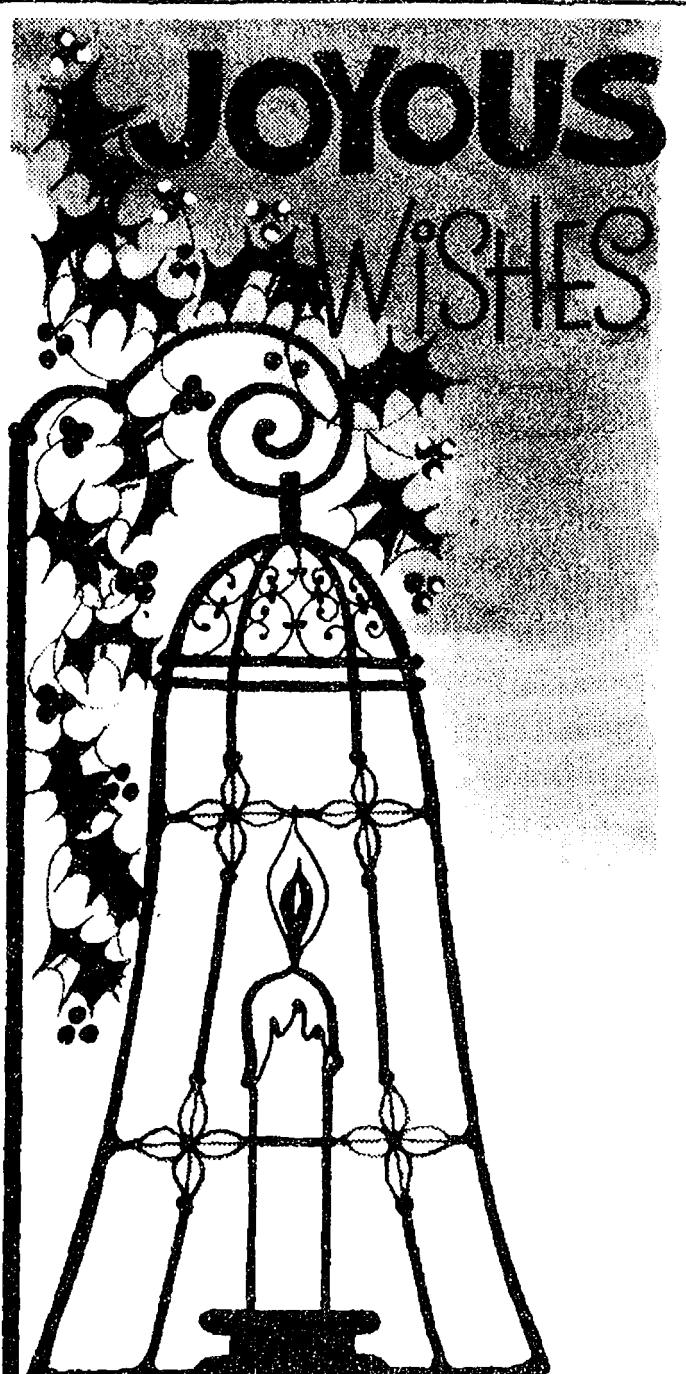
LOOK FOR IDEAS

Christmas decorating should be fun. Let your imagination guide the way. If you have trouble deciding exactly what you want to do, look through current magazines, check the window arrangements in local stores. Decide what you like and then choose or adapt ideas that will suit your home.

To All Our Friends

Seasons Greetings

From,
Bud & Eleanor Hunter



MAY THE BRIGHT SPIRIT OF THE SEASON ILLUMINATE YOU WITH INNER WARMTH AND CONTENTMENT. OUR VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL.

Rutter's
**Grayling Window
& Door**
BILL, RUTH, BILL AND RON



Join our chorus of well-wishers for a Merry Christmas... filled with joy!

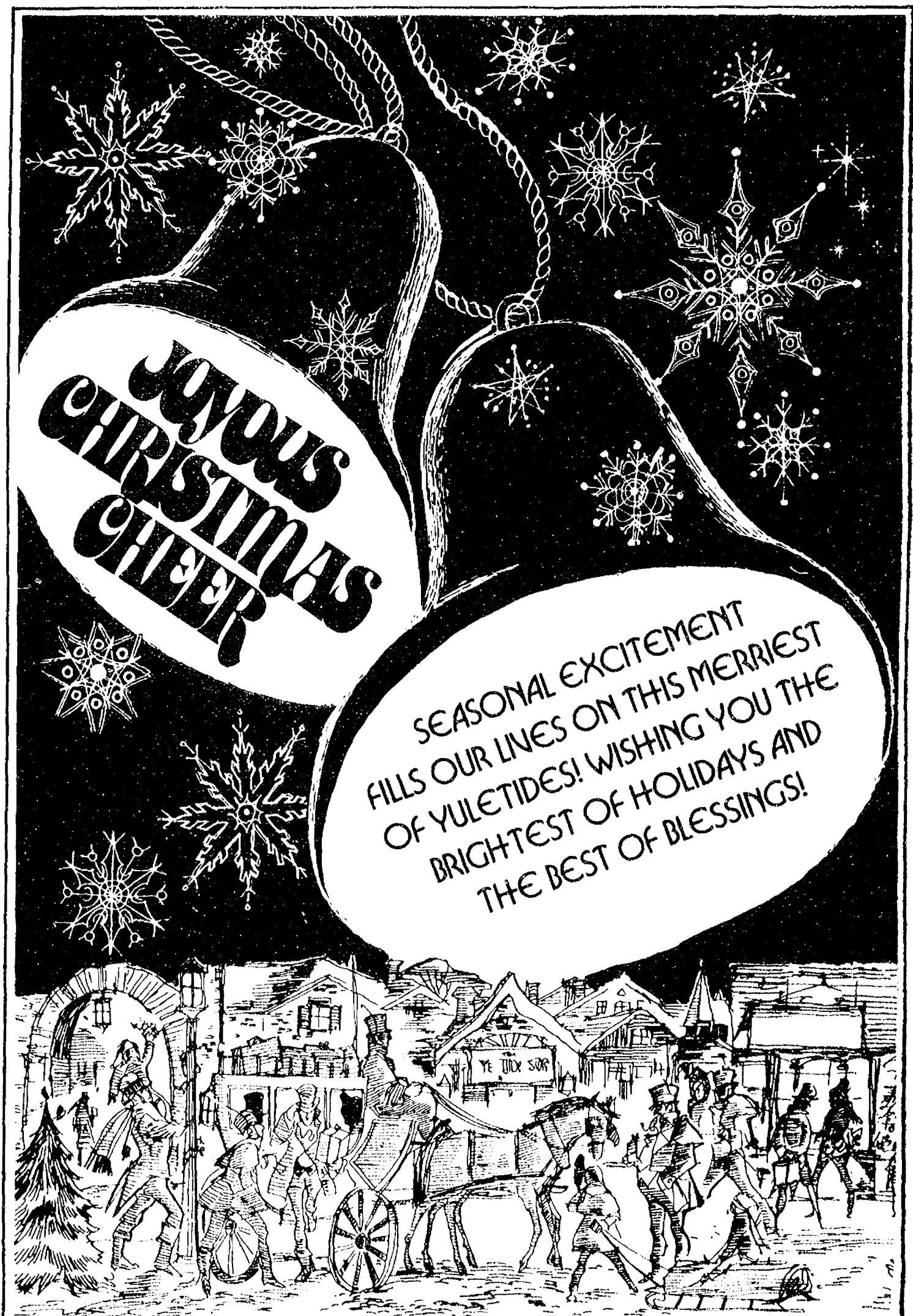
**LOVE
TO
ALL**

Annie & Bernie Mauren



MAY THIS HOLIDAY BE FILLED WITH ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END!

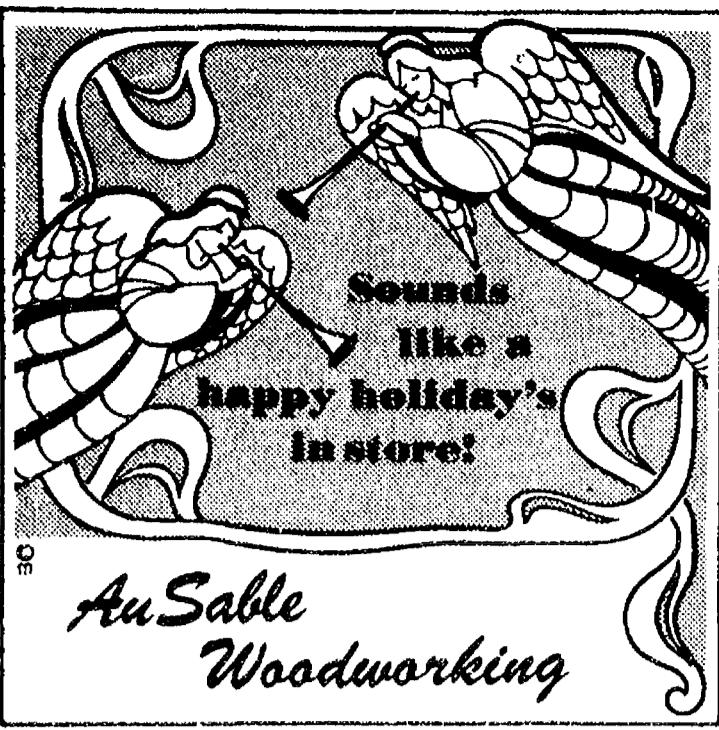
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BOB HARRINGTON
MIKE HAUXWELL
LARRY AKERS
LORI PRIESTAP

WGRY





*Au Sable
Woodworking*

CHRISTMAS CHEER

We're starting out on a happy note with Jolly holiday wishes to all our friends and patrons.

Clair's Standard Service

MOISTURE ESSENTIAL TO TREE

Whether you cut your own Christmas tree, or buy it from one of the service clubs or individuals who make them available during the holiday season, remember that the tree, although cut, is far from dead. It is, or should be, fresh and should be so treated.

Place the tree in a water well and keep it well watered. Once a tree absorbs all the water in the well, pitch will form rapidly at the base of the tree and it will lose its ability to absorb more moisture when it is made available.

It is also a good idea to keep the room a little cooler than normal. This will help the tree stay moist and delay the drying-out process.

WINTER FESTIVALS

Christmas has not always been celebrated on December 25, but in ancient times this date marked the Mithraic rite of the birth of the sun, a festival to honor Mithras, the Persian god of light. Winter festivals were popular in early days. The Teutonic tribes of Northern Europe celebrated the winter solstice to mark the rebirth of the sun. The Roman festival, saturnalia, held about the same time, was a season of rejoicing and feasting.

Small-scale rooms in today's houses and apartments often rule out those splendid ceiling-high Christmas trees of years gone by.

Happily, there is an alternative—a tabletop Christmas "garden" that will continue to bring joy throughout the year.

Seasonal houseplants

Christmas gardens can be fashioned from any number of ornamental houseplants available at florist shops this time of year. One of the most popular combinations is a small Norfolk Island pine tree, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged together in a wicker basket or similar large container.

The symmetrical branches and needle-like leaves of the pine can be dusted with artificial snow. They are also sturdy enough to support small Christmas ornaments, tinsel, tiny ribbon bows and other festive decorations.

With normal care, the Norfolk Island pine will flourish for many Christmases to come, as will the spider plant.

Post-holiday care

To keep the poinsettia blooming brightly after the holidays, remove it from the arrangement and place it in a watertight container. Position it where it will get full but indirect sunlight, but away from drafts and excess heat from radiators or ventilation ducts.

Check the soil daily and,

when it is dry to the touch, water the plant thoroughly and discard excess water. Feed the plant liquid plant food once a month in the amount indicated in the directions.

Florists also stock other sea-

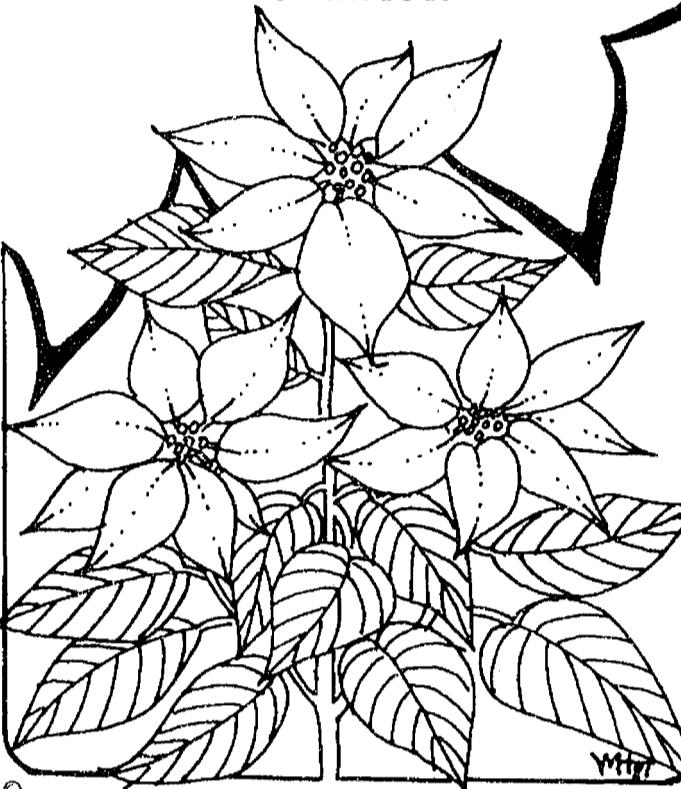


CHRISTMAS GARDENS SAVE VALUABLE SPACE and bring long-lasting holiday cheer. A popular combination is a small Norfolk Island pine, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged in an attractive container.

Merry Christmas



'Tis the season to be joyous...with a special care given to sharing good times and rekindling friendships. May you and yours celebrate this time to the fullest.



Weaver's Gifts and
The Cook's Cottage

News of Good Things Growing

By Margaret G. McCall

It wouldn't be Christmas at our house without Plum pudding. Some years, I've made as many as 30 for friends and neighbors, which indicates how easy it is to make this traditional Christmas dessert. Steaming puddings fill the kitchen with a wonderful spicy fragrance.

Plum puddings are a part of our English heritage, and the plum in the name really means raisin. When Jack Horner 'stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum', what he got was a raisin.

Gourmet shops have a variety of handsome pudding molds. Or you can use baking powder or coffee

cans - anything with a tight fitting lid. If you haven't a lid, several thicknesses of foil securely tied with string will do. Most molds have clamps.

Here's my recipe for Plum pudding, which uses several of the Good Things Growing in Michigan.

Chop or grind two cups suet (ask your butcher for this). Add 1 cup light molasses or 1 cup brown sugar, 2 cups peeled, chopped apple, 1 cup seedless raisins and 1 cup currants. Stir in 1 cup cold water and 2 well-beaten eggs.

Sift 1½ cups flour with ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, and a half-teaspoon each of cloves and allspice. Stir in 1½ cups fine dry bread crumbs. Add this mixture to the suet mixture and blend well. You may add one-quarter cup brandy if you like.

Grease the mold and sprinkle it with sugar. This is necessary to give your pudding a glossy surface. Fill with batter, not more than two-thirds full. Cover tightly.

Place the mold on a trivet in a deep kettle. Add boiling water until the water comes half-way up the side of the mold. Cover the kettle and steam for three hours. Check occasionally, since you may need to add more water.

When the pudding is done, remove to a rack and let stand for about 15 minutes. Then uncover and invert on rack. Allow to cool completely before wrapping.

Puddings can be made up to three months before use, if you freeze them. Tightly wrapped, they can be stored in the refrigerator two to three weeks.

To reheat, wrap in foil and place in a 350 degree oven about 30 to 40 minutes.

Serve hot with hard sauce, brandy sauce, or whipped cream.

If you'd like to serve your pudding aflame, heat ½ cup of brandy over very low heat, pour over the hot pudding and ignite just before you carry it to the table.

I always use a metal serving tray, since the time I surrounded the hot pudding with holly which had dried out more than I realized. When the brandy was ignited, we suddenly had a blaze which engulfed the holly, cracked the serving plate and gave our guests an unscheduled but exciting experience to remember.

COOK AHEAD

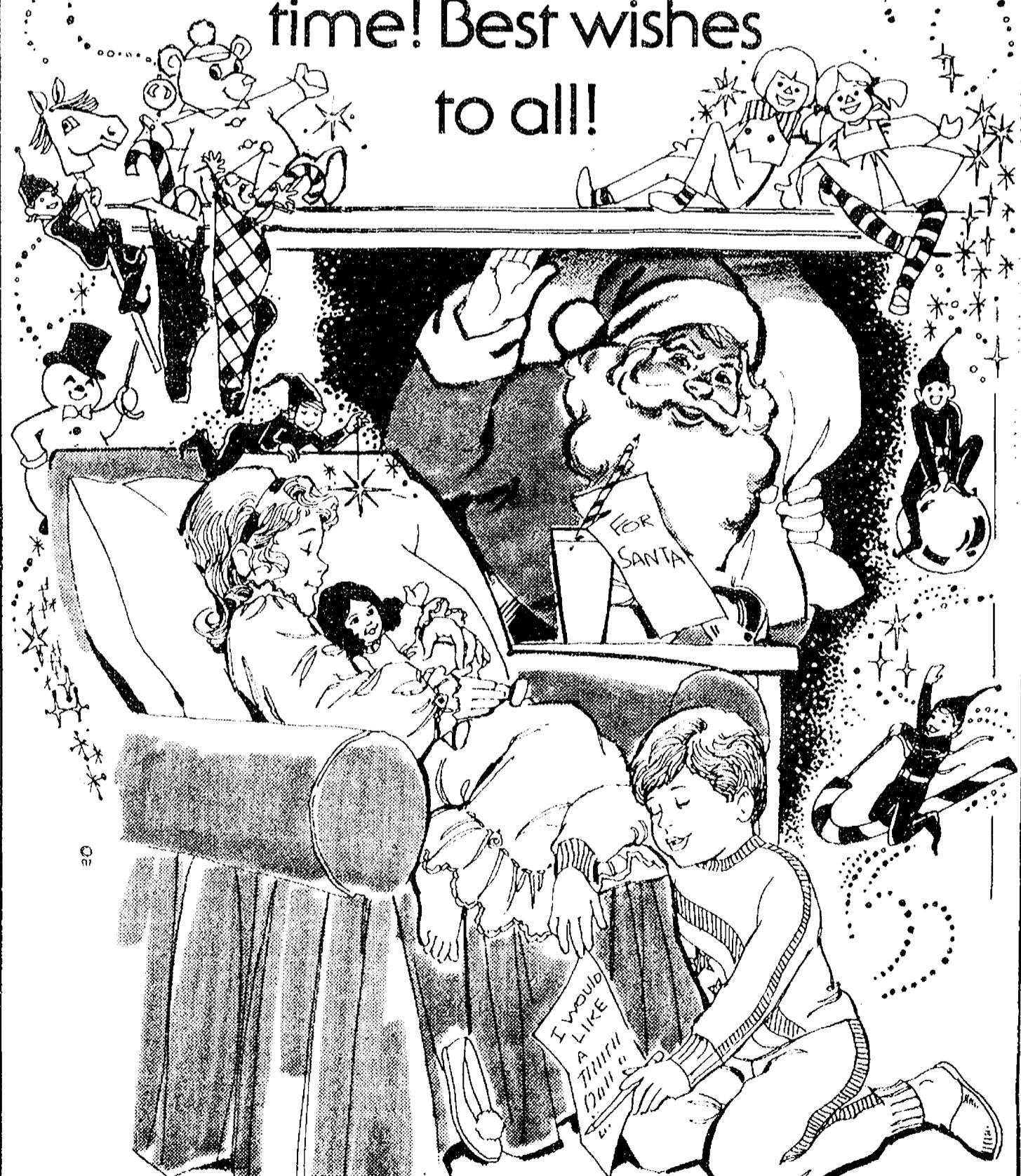
If your gift list is long, start early and make extra batches of yeast breads, cookies or other special treats for friends or relatives. Wrap them attractively and add a personal message, along with a recipe for preparing the treat.



DASHER,
DANCER... and
all of Santa's crew
wish you all the best!

The Paint &
Paper Palace

Visions of sugarplums
dance in their heads...
during this magical holiday
time! Best wishes
to all!



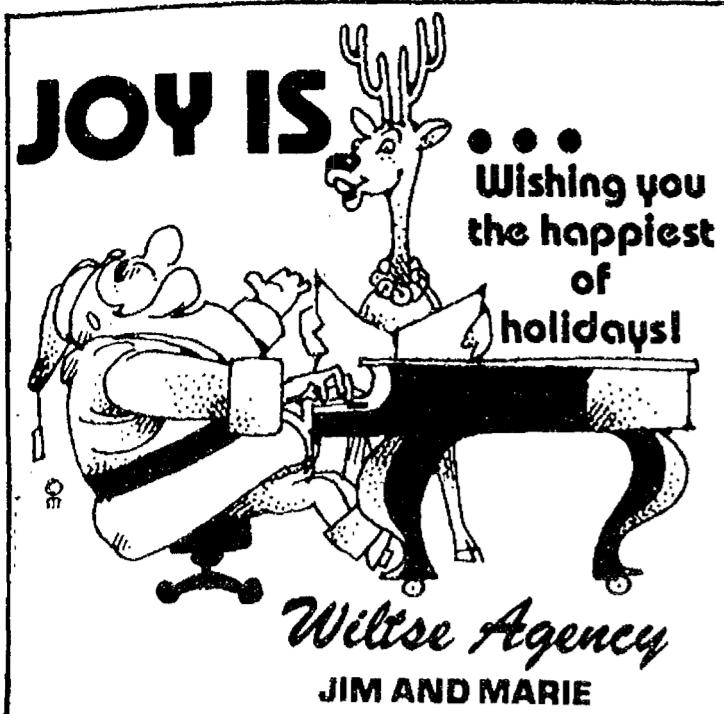
LeRoy and Sally Papendick

NOEL

We gather together on this holiest of holidays to bring you tidings of comfort and joy! Thanks to all!



Rochette's Party Store



The tale of a Christmas plant: the lovely poinsettia

Ready or not, there's no denying the arrival of the holiday season once the poinsettia plant begins to make its appearance.

Whether it appears on a corner of a greeting card, in the windows of a local department store, or in a sea of red, pink and white flowers at a roadside nursery, the poinsettia is a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

Although the poinsettia plant is not indigenous to the United States, Americans have come to associate its brilliant red, delicate pink and snowy white bracts with the Christmas season.

This exotic flowering plant, used to decorate homes and

churches in Mexico during the Christmas season, was introduced to the United States in 1828 by Dr. Joel Robert Poinsett, at that time the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Upon returning from his term of service in Mexico, he brought the plants home to his native South Carolina.

Poinsett propagated these plants, which he called "Painted Leaves," in his own greenhouses, and sent cuttings to botanists throughout the country. The plant was later named "Poinsettia" in his honor.

Poinsettias grow wild in Mexico and other areas of Central America, where they are shrubs that can reach 30 feet in height. Their brilliant flowers are most profuse in mid-December.

The Spanish name for poinsettias, *Flor de la Noche-buena* (flower of the holy night), derives from a Mexican legend which holds that the plant originated in a miracle.

As the legend has it, a poor peasant child, ashamed at having nothing to take to a service honoring the nativity of the Christ child, sadly picked a few weeds along the road to give as an offering at the church.

As he knelt at the altar with his humble gift, the child's earnest prayer and tears of reverence transformed the weeds into the flowering plant that has become as much a part of Christmas in this country as the evergreen tree.

Today, poinsettias are still imported from Mexico, though commercial growers in Hawaii and other warm-weather states add to the supply. A careful plant-lover, however, can keep the plant from one season to the next and enjoy its brilliant flowering year after year.

The poinsettia will flourish outdoors during the summer months in most parts of the country, becoming denser with foliage as the weeks of sunshine pass. Prior to putting the plant outdoors, it should be pruned to avoid its becoming too "leggy."

In order to have the plant bloom at Christmastime, poinsettias require equal amounts of daylight and darkness from the first week of October to the second week in November.

Creche Reflects Christmas Legends

The village creche brings to life the legends born on the night of the Nativity—legends of birds that fanned the dying embers with their wings to rekindle a warm fire, of flowers that bloomed along the path to Bethlehem, of the star that guided the three kings, and the angels that called the shepherds to the manger.

Mary and Joseph stand beside the Child in the manger, surrounded by the beasts of the stable, and with angels suspended over the scene. At one side, the shepherds, down from the hills, and the three wise men, bowed in adoration. Soft lights glow and, as sometimes happens, there is a light fall of snow, one sees again a vision; an old, old truth revealed.

SPACE IMPORTANT

When buying gifts for apartment dwellers, be space-conscious. Apartment dwellers usually have limited living and/or storage space, which means that bulky items can be a handicap rather than a welcome gift.



Canfield's Trash Service And Northern Trash Service

Wish You a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

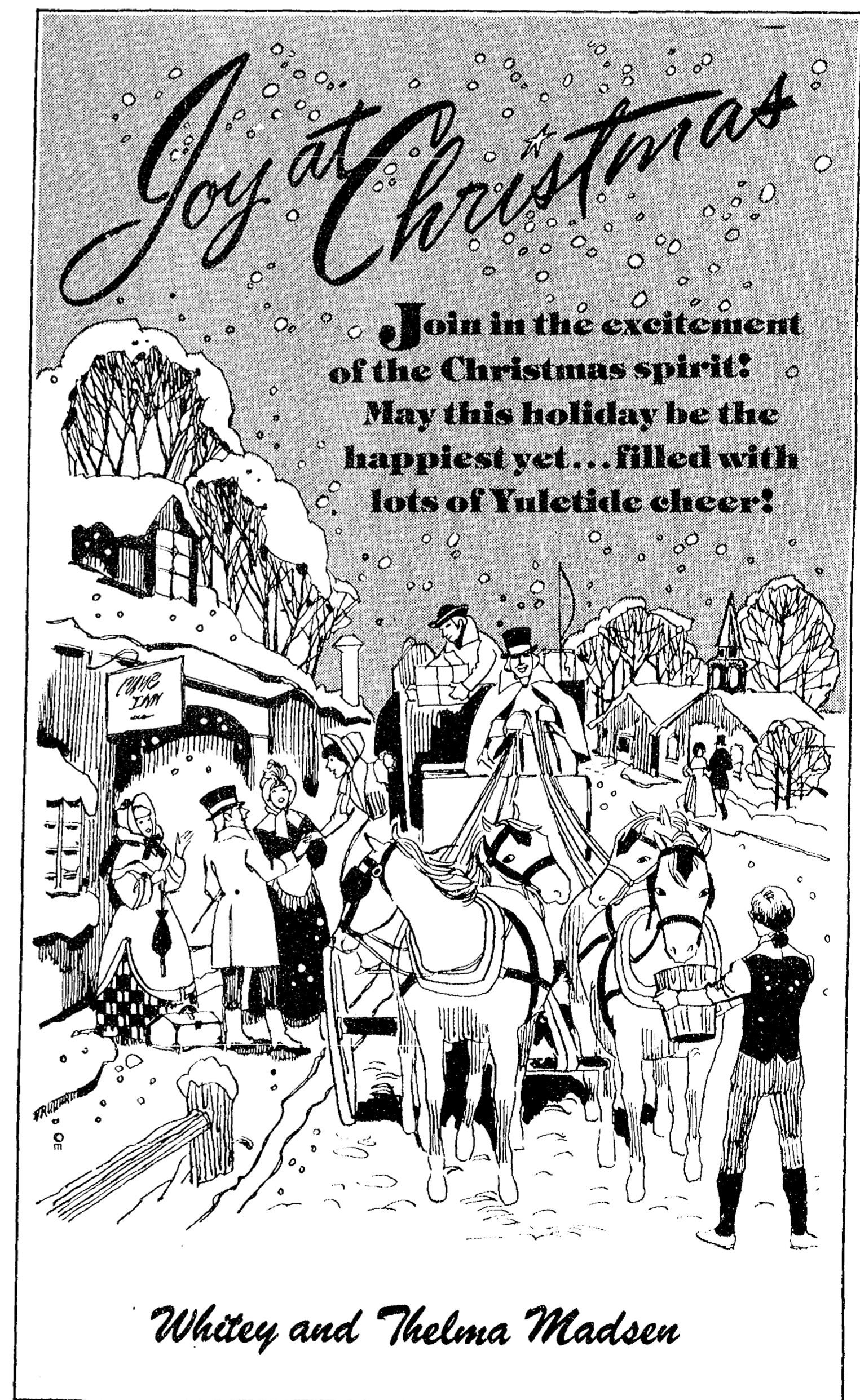
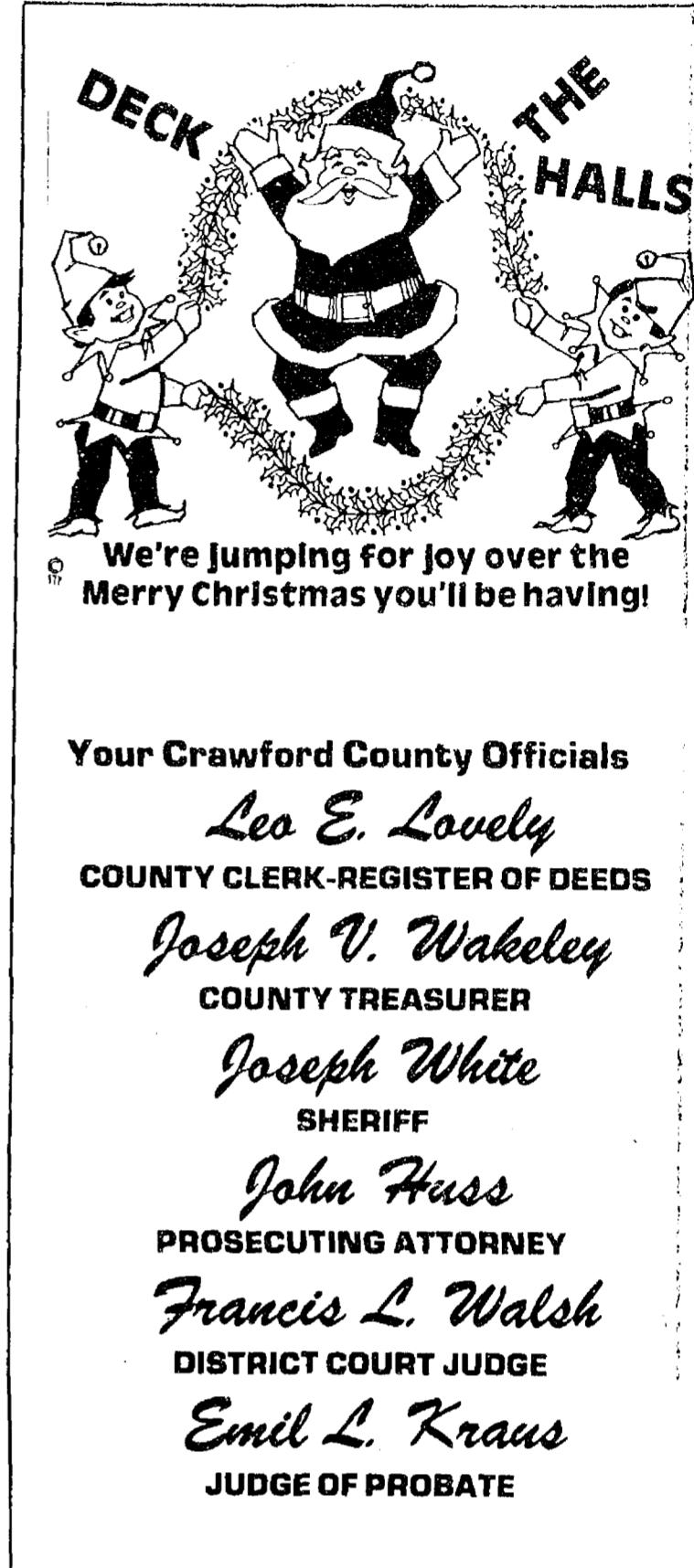
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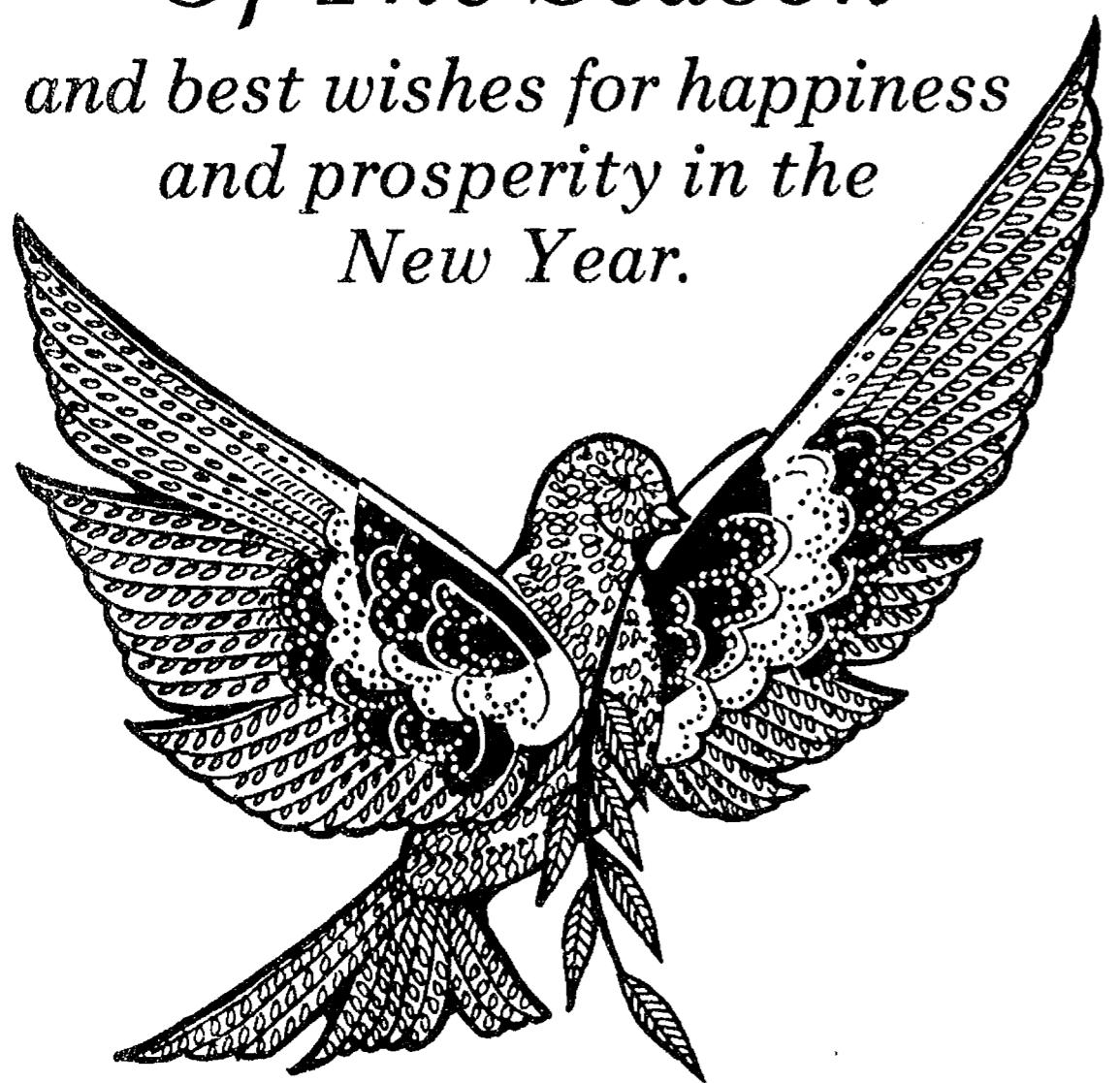


"OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL . . ." The joyous strains of Christmas carols can be heard in churches or on street corners during the holiday season. While it is said that St. Francis of Assisi was the first to sing Christmas carols in the 13th century, carolling did not become popular until the mid-19th century in England. Here, choir boys at Winchester Cathedral. Courtesy of the British Tourist Authority.



Greetings Of The Season

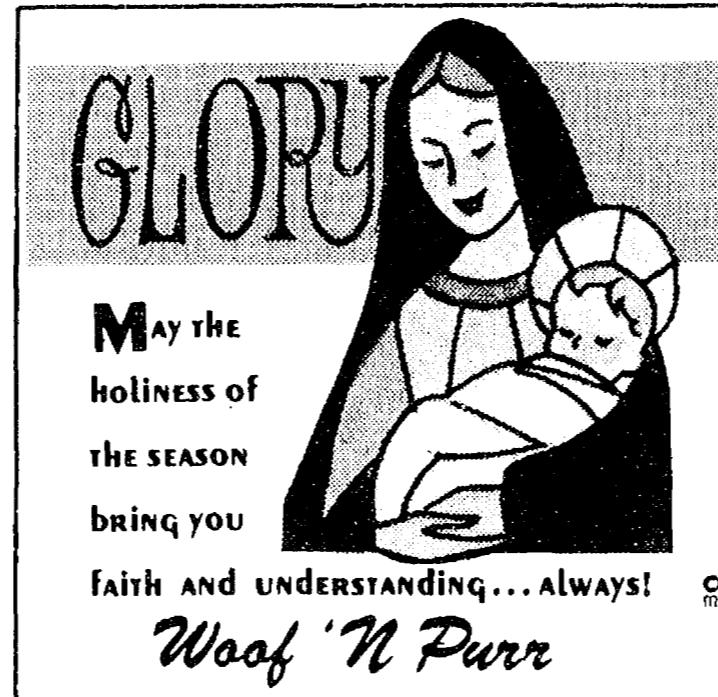
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SEASONAL BEAUTY . . . A blanket of winter snow brings a rare moment of serenity to old Virginia City, Nevada, creating a pictorial Christmas card. The scene of fabulous gold and silver mining a century ago, Virginia City entertains a half-million tourists each year. High atop Sun Mountain, the historic city still preserves a Victorian flavor in ornate homes, gambling halls, Piper's Opera House and beautiful St. Mary's in the Mountains Church.



Christmas Songs Came From Many Countries

Many of us know very little about the composers of our most traditional Christmas songs. Among the better known was Father Joseph Mohr, the Austrian priest who wrote the words to "Silent Night," which was put to music and played on Christmas Eve, 1818, by Franz Gruber, a church organist.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" was authored by an American, Phillip Brooks, who found his inspiration during a visit to the Holy Child's birthplace. "O Holy Night" was the work of a French composer, Adolphe Adam, but the familiar words were the work of an American minister, John S. Dwight. "Adeste Fidelis," more familiarly known as "O Come All Ye Faithful," was the work of John Francis Wade.

MISTLETOE

That friendly, kiss-producing Christmas decoration, mistletoe, is really a parasite which lives and feeds on the branches of other trees. The dwarf mistletoe, cousin to the Christmas variety we so often use, is a particular pest in the West, where it attaches itself to the trunks of firs, larches, hemlocks and spruces and retards growth by robbing the trees of nutrients.

Poinsettia Care

By Gail Edwards,
Ext. Home Ec.

Whether you're ready or not, Christmas is fast approaching. Many people will soon be buying poinsettias, the traditional Christmas Plant.

Proper care will keep your plant healthy throughout the Christmas season and beyond, says Gail Edwards, Roscommon County Cooperative Extension Service home economist.

Start by selecting a plant that has dark green foliage. Be sure the plant is well wrapped when you take it outdoors. Exposure to low temperatures, even for a short time, can cause leaves and bracts (the red, pink or white leaves) to turn brown and fall.

Place your poinsettia near a sunny window or other well lighted area, says Gail Edwards. Don't let any part of the plant touch cold window panes, and keep it out of warm and cold drafts from heaters and registers and doors and windows. Form maximum blooming time, place the plant where daytime temperatures are between 60 and 70 degrees and move it to a cooler room at night (55 to 60 degrees is ideal).

Check the soil daily and water only when it is dry to the touch Gail Edwards advises. Always water until water runs out the bottom of the pot. Apply a house plant fertilizer once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

For a well shaped plant next year, cut back the original stem to 4 to 6 inches in height, removing the old flower and one or two side branches. Do this in February or early March. Keep the plant in a sunny window at temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees and water and fertilize as needed.

When the danger of spring frost is past and night temperatures exceed 50 degrees Ms. Edwards, says, plant your poinsettia, in its pot, outdoors. If the plant is too large for the old pot, repot into a larger container before planting outside.

Between July 15 and August 1, cut off the top portion of all shoots. These can be rooted in a mixture of half peat moss and half sand and flowered for next Christmas.

Take your poinsettia plant inside before the first frost (usually around September 15 in lower Michigan). Place it in a sunny window, as before. To induce it to flower, keep the plant in complete darkness between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily from the end of September until color shows in the bracts (almost mid-December). The temperatures again should remain between 60 and 70 degrees.

This procedure should bring your poinsettia into flower by Christmas.

Plants And Greenery Are Traditional

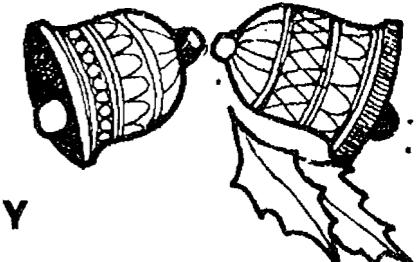
In America and throughout much of the world, plants have long been associated with Christmas customs and traditions.

There is an old legend which holds that, wintry weather notwithstanding, trees burst into bloom and bore fruit on the night that Christ was born. The modern day transformation does not occur as a miracle; it takes work, yet each Christmas homes throughout the world are trimmed with greens and garlands and set aglow with lights to mark the anniversary of the Holy Birth at Bethlehem. Like the trees that burst forth with blooms and fruits, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and many other plants have become an essential part of the holiday observance.

Many of the customs and traditions associated with flowers and plants have their origin in pagan rites and rituals but they have taken on important implications in the Christmas observance. The giving of plants as gifts probably stems from the visit of the Three Wise Men. In some countries, it is still custom to present plants as gifts on Epiphany, January 6, the date on which it is believed the Wise Men appeared at Bethlehem.

The use of greenery at Christmastime can be traced to ancient Greece and Rome. Holly was a great favorite of the Romans, who considered its winter beauty to be the promise of the sun's return to earth for another year. In later times, it was custom to hang sprigs of the bright-berried plant in the doorway of French and British homes to indicate homes in which Christ dwelled. One legend holds that holly first sprung up where the infant Jesus took his first steps. By contrast, the same plant was supposed to have been used to fashion his crown of thorns, with the berries turning from red to white with the Crucifixion.

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